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## Who's Who and What's What

Effective March 1 Rev. L. B. Cobb, pastor of Seventh Street Church, Memphis, becomes pastor's associate in First Church, Shreveport.

The Lottie Moon goal for the Christmas offering was \$259,936.86. The amount received was \$315,157.53. For Mississippi the goal was \$12,500.00. The amount received was \$14,291.97. And the end is not yet.

Rev. J. T. Carter has recently begun his pastorate at Summerland, Eden and Hebron churches in Jones and Jasper Counties. He comes to Mississippi from Tennessee, being a native of Jefferson City, and taking his theological training at the Ft. Worth Seminary.

The Religious Herald of Virginia says: "However much Americans may desire peace, many citizens will heartily disapprove a peace negotiated in the interest of the Catholic hierarchy. Protestants in this country have little confidence in papal diplomacy, therefore they do not want the resources of the United States manipulated to strengthen the papacy, or to assist the Pope in his plans for a Roman peace."

The Christian people of Hinds and Rankin Counties rejoice in the good work being done by the sheriffs of these counties. They are undertaking vigorously to see that the laws are being enforced, particularly the prohibition law. Those who feel such satisfaction in the work of these men ought to write to Messrs. Scott in Jackson and Holifield in Brandon and say so. If you know of other sheriffs doing as they are write them and us.

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell has a new book published by Fleming H. Revell, entitled "Saving America To Save The World," taking the name from the first sermon in the book. There are twelve sermons. They deal with the way of salvation and how to live the Christian life. They are characteristic of his ministry and explain his effectiveness as a preacher. As his ministry has proved a blessing to many the publication of these sermons will greatly enlarge his field of service. The book sells for \$1.00.

Wouldn't it be a good idea in this hurry-scurry-bustle-bustle age to stop and do a little thinking. Here we are in great miration over the government spending a big sum of money in Mississippi to build the Sardis Dam. If it is to save valuable land, well and good. But if it is to destroy valuable land that is "a gray horse of another color." The government gives us a big lake and spends a lot of money. Who's money? And what do we have? Water instead of land? Some of the best land in several counties goes out of existence and off the tax rolls. Roads have to be rebuilt and bridges. Who pays for them? We have "recreation centers for idle people, instead of productive farms." Other taxes have to be levied. It is said that in Lafayette County 55,000 acres of land disappeared, estimated to be worth \$400,000. Nobody ever got rich shoveling gold dollars from one corner of the room to another. It may be that we have just been fooling ourselves with this government spending program. And the end is not yet. Wonder if we have caught the fever in Mississippi.

## MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

Your secretary says:

"Motion was made by D. M. Nelson, and seconded by W. W. James, that we urge all Mississippi Baptists to participate, according to the will of our Lord and their ability, in the present intensified 5M Club plan, looking to the payment of all debts. Motion carried."

This was the hearty action of the Commission of Twenty at the meeting last week.

We have already taken up a few bonds ahead of time and are corresponding about others. This is with money out of the Now Club.

Come on, Mississippi Baptists!

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Virginia General Association meets in Richmond this week, with Grove Avenue Church.

Dr. Geo. W. Truett was with Pastor Jno. H. Buchanan in a meeting at Southside Church, Birmingham, Feb. 19-March 1, preaching at the church in the evening and at the Ritz Theatre at noon.

What is known as the "Monroe Doctrine" is an expression of responsibility for the welfare of others. It is international brotherhood. We do not mean that it is wholly unselfish and altruistic. Few things that are human are perfectly so. In a sense it is a self protective measure. God helps those who help others. And we would not say that Britain and France are not looking after their own interests in the present war. But we do say that they are looking after the welfare of the smaller nations.

We have not for many years had so had weather and impassable roads in Mississippi as this winter. This has seriously hindered the work in our churches. And yet the benevolent contributions by the churches were more in January 1940 than in the same month last year. For this we may all be grateful. And yet there are places where the pastors have not received their salaries, and the missionary offerings have fallen behind. Now that the winter is passed the churches should make every effort to catch up the slack. We can do better. Let's say, "Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer," and go on with the job.

Those who have heard lectures on Bible teachings by Dr. W. T. Conner have been deeply impressed by his penetrating insight into the truth, his ability to systematize it and relate it to other truth, and his interesting and forceful manner of presenting it. He can come as near to holding a layman's attention to the great teachings of the Bible as any speaker or writer we know. He has previously demonstrated his ability to write a book that will be read. And he is prolific in his products. The Broadman Press has just brought out another book by Dr. Conner which is along the line of his specialty. The title is "The Faith of The New Testament." It is not a treatise on systematic theology, but a popularizing of many of the things taught in books on Theology. The teachings of the New Testament are grouped in three parts: "Jesus and the Kingdom of God, as seen in the Synoptic Gospels; Jewish Christian Writings; Salvation by Grace as Paul taught it; and the Theology of John." There are 29 chapters with as many specific subjects. You will find the teachings of the New Testament set forth about as completely as you can conceive. It is of course a good sized book, and sells for \$2.50.

There are said to be 5,000,000 people in New York City unaffiliated with any Christian church.

There are in New York City 350,000 negroes, more than one third as many as there are in the state of Mississippi.

Pastor C. M. Day begins his pastorate at Liberty March 1, going from Shaw where he has served well for four years.

Mrs. Geo. McWilliams of Liberty, Mo., and president of the State W. M. U., succeeds Dr. E. B. Willingham as the Missouri member of the Foreign Mission Board. Dr. Willingham goes to Fifth Avenue Church, Huntington, W. Va.

Rev. D. L. Hill writes from his new pastorate at Somerest, Ky., that he and his family have had a gracious reception. There are over 500 in Sunday school and over 200 in prayer meeting, with good congregations at the Sunday services.

There are said to be 3,400 Baptists in Finland. Of these 2,400 speak the Swedish language and 1,000 the Finnish language. Most of the churches in Finland are Lutheran with some Orthodox or Greek Catholic churches.

Dr. Douglas Freeman, editor of a great daily in Richmond, Va., said recently: "Within the next decade and a half it is extremely doubtful if there will be, unless there in some unexpected change, a single unendowed educational institution existing in the South which is not state supported in part or in whole."

Now is the time for the governor, the legislature and all good people to keep their eyes on the liquor crowd. As might be expected the administration's program calling for increased pensions, free school books, education, additional hospitalization, etc., has raised the question, "Where is the money coming from?" The liquor people are just around the corner and saying, "If you will license us to rob the people of ten million dollars we will give you a million of it."

Rev. L. C. Hoff, from Brookhaven, a student at the Baptist Bible Institute, of New Orleans, has recently become assistant superintendent of the Baptist Rescue Mission located at 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans. Mr. Hoff directs singing and assists in the preaching services which are held every night at six-thirty. There has been a service held in the Mission every night for thirteen years, with the conversion of some seven thousand men which the world had forgotten. They come here for services and afterward receive food and a night's lodging. Mr. Hoff sings over Radio Station WNOE every second and fourth Monday afternoon at 1:30.—Clovis A. Brantley, Supt.

Mr. Luther A. Smith of Hattiesburg in a recent address before the Delta Scottish Rite bodies, said, "We must fight to preserve that part of our constitution which guarantees separation of church and state." He is Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Scottish Rite bodies of Free Masonry in Mississippi. His remarks were provoked by the free textbook bill recently passed by the legislature, which he says is unconstitutional in the part providing free textbooks for private and sectarian schools. He says it strikes at the very heart of our free school system. He says the Constitution provides that tax money cannot be used for other than public schools, that is schools operated by the state. We hope this matter will be thoroughly examined and tested. Certainly it is an un-American procedure to give public money to sectarian uses.



## Sparks and Splinters

January receipts of the Home Mission Board were nearly 24% more than the same month last year.

In 1939 the administrative expenses of the Home Mission Board amounted to slightly over 3% of total expenditures.

More than 40,000 copies have been distributed of "Give Ye Them to Eat," new preparatory Home Mission study book for the March Week of Prayer.

Miss Inabelle Graves Coleman has resigned as editorial secretary of the Foreign Mission Board to go to China and teach in the Department of English and Religious Journalism in Shanghai University.

Word and Way of Kansas City tells of the account in a Kansas City daily paper of the "christening" of a baby in a North Kansas City high school by a class in "Home Economics." If that doesn't "beat bobtail"! This was supposed to be a part of the training of these young people. And tax payers, Baptist among others, are paying for it.

We publish this week a resolution about "Country Churches" which Dr. J. W. Jent of Oklahoma Baptist University proposes to present to the Southern Baptist Convention in June. It presents certain facts which deserve the most serious consideration, not only at the Convention, but now and all the time by all of our people. Our country churches are among our greatest opportunities and resources. In some places they are not keeping pace with the progress of our work. As we see it the pastors of these churches need the most sympathetic cooperation of all of us. Country church or town church the problem in them all is pastoral leadership. What are we doing to help? What can we do to help? This is a good time for those who know something about the situation to speak out. Can you send in not more than two hundred words a helpful suggestion. It is a good time for pastors to country churches to speak out.

The Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans has been taxed to capacity for months. Notwithstanding the fact that an addition was built and opened less than a year ago, the Hospital has been turning away sick people every day. A day or two ago 22 persons were rejected before 10:00 o'clock in the morning, because there was not a vacant bed. The demand for "pay" beds and "free" beds greatly exceeds our ability to furnish them. More than once doctors and others have told us the applicant probably would die if the facilities for treatment could not be had—facilities which are to be had only in a hospital. Pastors in several states have made insistent and pathetic appeals to us to admit sufferers: and we have had to decline for lack of rooms. Most of the Southern Baptist editors were guests of the Hospital one day last week, and they saw the crowded conditions. Brethren, we are doing our best. Help us with your prayers and gifts.—Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent.

Evangelist Thomas Clinton Crume, of Florence, Ky., has just concluded a series of revival meetings in Huntington, W. Va., with the Highlawn and the Guyandotte Baptist churches. Well over a hundred were counted among the converts, baptisms, and additions to these churches. Dr. A. N. Morris is pastor of the Guyandotte church. Dr. W. C. Reeves, pastor of the Highlawn church, says concerning the evangelist: "T. C. Crume is a true friend of pastors, preachers and Baptist churches. He knows the Lord, believes all of His Bible, prays daily for a Christlike compassion for a lost world. As an evangelist he knows his field: his methods are sane, simple, direct, flexible—no stunts, no soapbox. He was a pastor for ten years following graduation from Louisville Seminary, where he held twelve revivals in his own church, built a great house and a great church. More than fifty thousand have come into the Baptist churches as a result of his ministry, and many thousands more have been saved."

A number of cities have had clean-up campaigns to get rid of the dirty literature in the news stands. Let the good work go on.

It is said that since the establishment of the Franco regime in Spain that there are half a million political prisoners and that 200,000 of the republican faction are in exile. The Jesuits have had returned to them \$30,000,000 worth of property.

The Constitution of the United States says that Congress shall make no laws abridging freedom of speech. But it seems that the National Labor Relations Board can do what Congress can not. This board is now seeking to punish employers who distribute literature among employees, which disparage or criticize labor organizations.

The new Baptist church at Topeka in Lawrence County, Mississippi, is going forward in their building program. They are now covering the building and hope to be able to move in it in the late spring. Services are now being held in the school building on second and fourth Sunday mornings.—M. C. Nelson, Pastor.

Topeka Church. The Baptist Record is being sent to the members of Topeka Baptist Church by the pastor. He urges you to read it so you may know more about our denominational work. Especially does he want you to know something of our state work, which has made it possible for us to carry on by giving you building and pastoral aid.—M. C. Nelson, Pastor.

Our Baptist people have been denounced as bigots because they oppose the sending of an ambassador to the Pope. But we haven't heard of any of them belonging to the Jew-hating, government-overthrowing Christian Front, which is now being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We believe in the sort of religion that makes one love everybody and be subject to the powers that be.

Woman's Missionary Union set the goal for the 1939 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering at \$200,000.00. On February 19, 1940, \$306,861.00 had already been received, and funds are still coming in. It is beyond human power even to estimate the good accomplished by means of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, but the Foreign Mission Board and all who love the cause of foreign missions praise God for Woman's Missionary Union and for its generous and sacrificial gifts.—Foreign Mission Board.

The Japanese regard the emperor as the impersonation of God. They render to him the homage given only to deity. This makes it difficult if not impossible for other nations to do business with the emperor of Japan. He must be approached as God and Christian nations can give him no such recognition and can approach him with no such deference. A similar situation obtains in the case of the Pope, the head of the Roman church. He calls himself the Vicegenet of the Lord Jesus Christ. He claims infallibility. How can a human government do business with him on any basis except that of absolute submission and obedience. You can't confer with a man like that. This infallibility idea is a sign of insanity. And you can't do business with an insane man.

She is an elderly woman and for several months has been a free patient in the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. She and her husband are members of a Baptist church whose pastor asked us to admit her. The husband's total income is \$50.00 per month. The woman now is up in a wheel chair; but we are advised there is no one at the woman's home to care for her, and should we send her out her husband will have to give up his work to care for her, thus cutting off the little income he now has. The doctor tells us there is no human probability of the woman's ever being well. She is what is known as an "incurable." Southern Baptists have no home for incurables. A hospital is intended for acute, curable cases. But we have this woman. What should we do with her? Neither her church nor any of her friends contributes one penny to her support. Her's is only one of our problems in administering a Christian hospital. I am wondering if anyone will help us.—Louis J. Bristow, Supt.

John D. Rockefeller last week gave \$100,000 to Finnish Relief which is under the direction of Ex-President Hoover.

During the past year the Home Mission Board received from forty-six communities in the homeland earnest pleas for missionaries to give them the Gospel.

Stewardship Applied in Missions by J. Lawrence was brought from the press Feb. 1940 by the Home Mission Board and is now on sale at Baptist book stores.

The brethren at Forest wish it to be known that their church building was not renovated but was enlarged by a valuable addition which provides for all their growing work.

More than 7,000 men have professed faith in Christ at the Home Mission Board's Rescue Mission in New Orleans in the past thirteen years, it was revealed by Rev. C. A. Brantley, superintendent, at anniversary services on February 11th.

Our sympathy is with Dr. Thos. D. Brown in the death of his mother at Canton last week. She was 87 years old, had been a devoted Christian for many years and was noted for her faith and appreciation of the highest values. Besides her son who is pastor in Louisville, Ky. she leaves several grandchildren.

This week Dr. R. Q. Leavell, Home Board Superintendent of Evangelism is conducting an evangelistic campaign in the fifteen Baptist churches in Tampa, Florida, running through March 3. Dr. Geo. H. Crutcher is general chairman. Three years ago a similar campaign resulted in nearly 500 additions to the churches.

The courts believe in administering justice by establishing righteousness by the orderly process of law. Occasionally people think they operate very slowly and that there ought to be shortcuts to justice. For example the supreme court will reverse a case where a man is convicted on evidence obtained unlawfully. The evidence may be true and convincing but if it was obtained in a manner which the law forbids, then the court will not allow its use. And a man convicted on such evidence is released. This is done that the right thing may be done in the right way. It is done to preserve justice and human rights, even when a guilty man goes unpunished. Under this category comes the appointment of an ambassador to the pope in the interest of peace. Peace is very desirable and all proper means should be used to secure it and preserve it. But if it is to be secured by the violation of a fundamental principle of government, then we had better try and try another way. Short cuts to justice lead to mob law and the subversion of all law. We never subscribe to the theory that the end justifies the means.

The Baptist Messenger gathers these facts from the address of Senator Morris Sheppard on the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the prohibition amendment, since repealed; before national Prohibition, there were 177,791 saloons. Now there are more than 400,000 retail outlets. "One of the most alarming developments of the war was the nationwide invasion of the highways by drink joints that are luring multitudes of boys and girls in America to ruin . . . America's criminal record is a national disgrace. The most serious phase of the crime situation is in the proportion of youthful criminals . . . Since repeal, a wave of gambling has swept over America which threatens the economic and moral fabric of the Nation. The affinity between gambling and liquor is well known. Drinkers are most easily influenced to gamble and gamblers are most easily influenced to drink, as a rule . . . The publication of liquor advertisements in newspapers and magazines where they cannot well be ignored by young or old, the radio broadcasting of appeals in the interest of beer and other intoxicants seducing millions of women and children to alcoholic beverage salesmanship and the display of intoxicants among necessities and harmless luxuries in stores frequented by multitudes of women and children, all represent a fraud on the people who trusted the Government to protect them from the sale of liquor instead of promoting liquor by the repeal of the eighteenth amendment."

A COMMITTEE Resolution to the Baptist Convention By J. W. J.

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# A COMMITTEE ON COUNTRY CHURCHES

Resolution to be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention, Baltimore, June 1940  
By J. W. Jent, Oklahoma Baptist University

WHEREAS the constituency of the Southern Baptist Convention is rural in its genius, 90 percent of all our churches and 70 percent of our total membership being in the open country or in villages of less than 1,000 population, and:

WHEREAS the denominational determinism of our rural churches is evident in their contribution of preachers, teachers, missionaries, and denominational leaders, and:

WHEREAS our stewardship of the Gospel and trusteeship of the Truth—our missionary and evangelistic obligation is rural as well as urban, and:

WHEREAS more than two-thirds of the 50-million population of the South is utterly unevangelized, unchurched, one of the greatest mission fields in all the world, and:

WHEREAS multiplied thousands of our country churches are denominationally detached, unenlisted in the life and work of the Convention, and:

WHEREAS these unenlisted churches are sovereign units in the Kingdom of God, outposts on the frontier of American life, holding on where the tides of wickedness surge against them, and:

WHEREAS these country Baptists are our brethren, blood-bought soldiers in the ranks, waiting for reinforcements which they deserve and should have, and:

WHEREAS the hardships of our pioneer preachers—the heroic Kingdom builders who planted these churches in the wilds of the wilderness, is the challenge of our rural heritage, and:

WHEREAS the advocates of the "federated" or non-denominational "community church" are aggressive and alert in their propaganda designed to destroy denominationalism in the rural South, and:

WHEREAS the emotional cults create a religious crisis in the rural communities in which they flourish, and:

WHEREAS the menace of these movements demands the counteracting impact of a constructive denominational program for the rehabilitation of the rural church, and:

WHEREAS the time has surely come for the Convention to do something about it, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED:

(1) That the Convention hereby create A STANDING COMMITTEE ON COUNTRY CHURCHES, to be added to the list of standing committees of the convention.

(2) That this committee be instructed to study the rural church situation in the South, especially conditions and tendencies in open country churches.

(3) That the committee be instructed to make an elementary survey of our country churches, without expense to the Convention, and report their findings to the Convention next year:

(4) That not less than an hour of the program of the Convention next year be given this committee for its report, with discussion of the same:

(5) That it be the purpose of the Convention to perpetuate the work of this committee in the gradual growth of a general policy and definite program of rural church development.

Signed: J. W. Jent.

Abbeville: The Abbeville Baptists are expecting to occupy their new church building the twenty-fifth of February. Under the splendid leadership of their pastor, Rev. R. L. Ray, Jr., every one prays that God's Spirit will direct in every way.—Reporter.

"The Christian Evangel" is a new book by Rev. John McNicol, D.D., of Toronto, Canada. The chapters are 1. The Gospel Jesus Preached, 2. The Life Jesus Lived, 3. The Death Jesus Died, 4. The Glory Jesus Entered, 5. The Coming of The Spirit, 6. The Gospel The Apostles Preached, 7. The New Righteousness, 8. The New American God, and 9. The New Creation. Published by The American Tract Society, price \$1.50.

## PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

By J. H. Avery

Spiritual growth must have a spiritual source to nurture it just as any other growth must have an ample supply of its own life's natural resources out of which it can grow. Where there is no life there is no growth; therefore, for spiritual growth there must be a Spirit who is life. "God is a spirit," and God in Christ is life, (John 4:24; 14:6 respectively) but all men know that the proper relation with this Spirit who is Life is a prerequisite to the spiritual growth of their own religious life as individuals. From the Bible and from the experiences of men through the centuries there is only one way by which this relationship can be had, and that is by prayer. Therefore, the conclusion is that there can be no spiritual growth without prayer.

Two questions with their specific Scriptural answers are heartening. (1) Does God hear prayer? "He that planted the ear, shall he not hear?" Psalm 94:9. (2) Is God far from us? "That they should seek the Lord, if happily they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:27. The beloved Apostle states that should be the inclination of every Christian to pray. "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petition that we desired of him." I John 5:14, 15. Many other passages could be given which also strengthen our hearts and our faith, and greatly encourage a well disciplined prayer life.

## THINGS NEW AND OLD

"They must upward still and onward, who would keep abreast of truth."—Lowell.

"Every scribe who hath been made a disciple to the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, who bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old."—Matt. 13:52.

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'Tis time to discard worn out systems  
For implements of new design,  
Fitted for the present crisis;  
Effective, but no less divine.

Would you fight with flint-lock muskets  
In this age of T.N.T.?  
Will the methods of the fathers  
Win the world that is to be?

Shall we stand bewildered, helpless  
Midst the surges of the new?  
Or shall we mend our ancient methods  
To gain the ends we have in view?

Put just emphasis on doctrine,  
But the greater stress on life;  
Train all forces yet developed  
To function in this world of strife.

Shape the so-called social gospel  
To the mighty Master's mind.  
Cling not to archaic customs  
The world has long since left behind.

Ride the winds and lade the ether  
With the gospel's saving truth;  
Let science bring all force beneath her  
For salvation of our youth.

Shall war's engines use each power  
Just discovered for man's death?  
While dead millions at this hour  
Await the Spirit's vital breath?

No! Use all powers we've discovered  
In proclamation of the word;  
Look then, with our heads uncovered,  
For the coming of the Lord!

—J. E. Gwatkin  
Baptist Bible Institute.

## Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

### "PROMOTING FELLOWSHIP"

One of the things that stands out clearly as one reads the second chapter of Acts is the joyous fellowship that the early Christians had with each other. In fact, the entire New Testament makes it very plain that the Lord wants Christians to enjoy the inspiration and blessing of a rich social community. Those of us who have had experience in the pastorate know that we are in for a tough time when our membership try to have their religion in the church and their social life in a crowd that is anti-Christian in spirit and attitude.

Each pastor will serve the cause of Christ if he gives attention to the promotion of warm-hearted fellowship among the members of his church. All of us who have had a good many birthdays know that one of the glories of the country church in the early days was the rich fellowship that was the consequence of neighborly visiting with each other and the gathering of many into happy social groups after preaching on Sunday in various homes.

The changes which modern life has brought have in too many instances caused fellowship to decline. The work has suffered on account of it.

Whether we minister in the small country church or a large city church we need to definitely make our plans to stimulate the association of our people with each other in delightful social fellowship.

The right kind of Christian fellowship destroys prejudices, tears down misunderstandings, causes people to know and appreciate each other and enables them to develop a warm-hearted love that much enriches their life and adds beyond calculation to their interest in the church and their joy in church attendance.

This is a work that is a joy forever if rightly done. It is easy to do. It produces rich rewards.

Many a time have I seen differences disappear and in their stead happy fellowship grow when I, without their knowing it, drew certain people who were headed for estrangement together in informal fellowship in a way that gave the spirit of the Lord a chance to cause them to love each other.

The story is told of Dr. John A. Broadus that he went out to Anchorage near Louisville, Ky., one time and preached to the patients at the hospital for the insane. When he had finished preaching a man who was a patient came up to him and said, "I am glad you came out here and preached to us. I don't like those cub preachers, those young fellows from the Seminary that you send out here. They don't know the difference between a lunatic and an idiot." There is a difference. And there is a difference also between a fool and an idiot. An idiot is one who doesn't have any sense, or is at least deficient in that respect. But a fool is not necessarily a man who doesn't have any sense. He is rather a man who doesn't make any use of his sense, or at least does not make proper use of it. When the Lord said about the man who had much goods laid up and proposed now to spend his life in having a good time, "Thou fool," he spoke it not in pity for his imbecility, he condemned him for not using his sense in a way that would do some good. He used all his ingenuity in providing for his bodily wants and paid no attention to the needs of his soul. A fool is a man who makes poor use or no use of his intelligence about matters that are of the highest importance. The man who was shrewd in preparing a place for himself when he was put out of the stewardship, ought to teach us the lesson of using our wits in getting ready for what is ahead of us in the world to come.



# EDITORIALS

## PROGRESSIVE REVELATION

We do not know of anybody who believes in a revelation at all who does not believe in a progressive revelation. What seems strange to some of us is that some men with a screw loose in their theology should seem to think they invented the whole idea of a progressive revelation, and they are making a great ado like a Plymouth Rock hen over a new laid egg, as if they had done something that no hen had ever done before, or no man had ever thought of before.

All knowledge is progressive by the nature of man himself. You can't teach everybody everything in a day, nor in a year, nor in a lifetime. There are grades in school, and the instruction is adapted to the grades as they go up. It is not different in religion. The only difference is that in religion there is so much more to learn that we will be at it throughout eternity. To know God will require endless eternity. And thank the Lord for that. Don't think you will ever get to the end of it, nor that your soul will ever be sated with it. Your soul and mind will expand forever and ever. It ought also to be true in this life. It is true, for every Christian can and ought to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." When Paul says knowledge shall pass away, he means that it will be swallowed up in fuller knowledge, so that what you formerly knew will seem like ignorance in comparison.

As to the Bible, certainly it is a progressive revelation. It could not be a revelation otherwise. It would end in a blind alley. Therefore we need to give heed to it as unto a lamp shining in a dark place (a place where it is needed), until the day dawn and the day star arise in your hearts.

Certainly Moses did not know everything, nor did the Lord reveal to him or through him all that afterward came to John and Peter and Paul. But that does not mean that anything revealed to him, or anything which he wrote was not true, or anything which he taught was not right. A child does not have to unlearn anything taught him in the first reader in order to accept anything that he finds in the fourth reader. A young man in college does not have to forget what he learned in arithmetic or algebra, in order to learn what is taught him in calculus or in astronomy. Indeed if he does not learn his arithmetic, it will do him no good to study the more advanced branches of mathematics. A man who forgets or ignores or repudiates his arithmetic will never get anywhere in higher mathematics.

Jesus said that this same truth would be found in the realm of religion. These are his words, "If they hear not Moses and the prophets neither will they be persuaded if one rise from the dead." Recall his words in the sermon on the mount, "I came not to destroy the law but to fulfill it." "Till heaven and earth pass away one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished." Progression? Yes, but never a word of the Old Testament is repudiated by the New.

One would think that what we are saying here is so patently true that it is superfluous to be insisting upon it. And yet we are being told in religious journals and from Christian pulpits that progress in the knowledge of God necessitates our denying the truth of many things we are taught in the Old Testament. That is to confuse progress in knowledge with renunciation of the things we were taught in the Old Testament.

Recently there appeared in the Biblical Recorder of North Carolina, a paper which for generations has stood foursquare in its loyalty to the Word of God, an article by L. S. Morgan in which strange things are brought to our ears. While still saying that the Bible is the word of God and to be believed from cover to cover, the words carry a different meaning today. Particularly it is said that we can no longer believe that God ordered the race of the Canaanites exter-

minated, but that "a sane and more tenable view of the Bible has been emerging," "and that these early portions of the Bible have to be corrected by God's fuller revelation of himself as given in the person and teachings of Jesus Christ." There is more to the same effect which it is not necessary to quote.

That is the sort of infidelity which is coming out of such seminaries as Crozer in the north. And it is sapping the faith of some preachers who have come into Southern Baptist pulpits. It makes it very necessary for our churches to examine closely into the faith or lack of faith of those whom they call to their pastorates. Jesus in speaking of the writings of the Old Testament said, "If ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?" It was of the Old Testament that Peter said, "All scripture is given by inspiration and is profitable for instruction, for conviction, for correction, and for education in righteousness." The man who has gotten so far advanced that he cannot accept the teaching of the Old Testament is quite apt to become so progressive that he can look upon the New Testament as a back number.

## DR. WEAVER AND THE FEDERAL COUNCIL

In accordance with the policy of the Baptist Record to give our people accurate information, as full as possible on all vital religious matters, especially those affecting Baptists, we published last week on the last page an editorial from the Christian Century and Dr. R. W. Weaver's answer thereto in reference to his and the Federal Council's treatment of Mr. Roosevelt's appointment of an ambassador to the pope.

We took occasion a month or more ago to commend the work done by Dr. Weaver in carrying out the instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention to protest against such an appointment. The Convention had opposed any such possible move, and appointed a committee in and near Washington to express its mind on this and similar matters. Dr. Weaver was made chairman of this committee. The Northern Baptist Convention and the Negro Baptist Convention took similar action and Dr. Weaver was made head of the joint committee.

Dr. Weaver and his committee went before the President and acquainted him with the mind of our Baptist people. So far so good. They were assured that no denomination would receive preferential treatment, a thing which had already been done. But he seems to have wholly missed our point of view. We were not protesting against preferential treatment. We were protesting against the appointment of a governmental representative to any ecclesiastical organization whatsoever; Catholic, Protestant or any other. Then the committee was made to believe that this was a purely temporary arrangement, whereas no limit of time was indicated in the appointment itself, but it indicated that its work would be needed after the war is over. Exeunt Dr. Weaver and all his committee.

Word went out from Washington that all parties were satisfied and everything was lovely. The committee seemed as hopeful as the colored preacher who conducting the funeral service for a notoriously bad character, remarked, "We all hopes Mose is not gone where we know he aint."

Then the Executive Committee of the Federal Council holds a meeting in which this matter of ambassador to the pope is discussed. In words which mean much or little according to your point of view the committee said if it were to be a permanent arrangement they were opposed to it, but if it were temporary they made no protest.

At this meeting Dr. Weaver was present, served on the committee and helped to frame the resolution. This resolution was by the great daily papers, such as the New York Times and others (all of them without exception so far as we have heard) understood as approved by the Federal Council of What Pres. Roosevelt had done. To none of these did the Federal Council appear to take exception. But when the same opinion was expressed by the Christian Century, the Federal

Council and Dr. Weaver said it was untrue, a misinterpretation and distortion. What is the matter with this group that they can't write so that the average man can understand them?

But that is not our chief complaint. Our wonder is what Dr. Weaver was doing in the Committee of the Federal Council. He was appointed to represent Southern Baptists, and Southern Baptists have refused to do business with the Federal Council. There are good reasons for this. The Federal Council is an interdenominational organization with views of the Bible and of church polity with which Southern Baptists are utterly at variance. We have therefore repeatedly refused to cooperate with it. And Dr. Weaver was going contrary to the expressed wishes of Southern Baptists to mix in with them. He did his duty in protesting against the appointment of an ambassador to the pope. He misrepresented Southern Baptists in doing what has been interpreted as an approval of what he had previously protested against. It is clearly shown that the Federal Council is not an organization with which it is safe to do business.

## SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

That sounds like an old subject, and it is. To some it may seem a dry subject and it may be if it is treated or thought of as a mere theological theory, to be treated academically. But there can be no subject in fact more immediately practical and more genuinely important. It is not a theme for books; it is a matter of everyday application, and may and should be every day personal experience. Until we begin here, we haven't begun at all to know God. When Isaiah says (sixth chapter) "I saw the Lord," he saw him "on a throne, high and lifted up." When Ezekiel had "Visions of God" (1:1) He was riding on the whirlwind and guiding the intricate wheels of the Universe. When John saw him on the Isle of Patmos, He was "One sitting on the throne," Rev. 4:2. From this point of view and this alone will one ever see God or understand any of his purposes or working. Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever. A Sceptre of Righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

It is easy to pay lip service to the sovereignty of God and immediately deny or question the practical application of it. If God is sovereign, it means that he is in control of all the forces of the universe. If there is an exception, then he is not sovereign. It means that he has power of life and death over all his creatures. Our times are in His hands. It is no exaggerated figure of speech when the Psalmist (in this case Moses) says, "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction and sayest, Return ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past and as a watch in the night. Thou carriest them away as with a flood."

There are times when we are made very conscious of this truth, and that is why we read these words at a funeral service. God has the power of death in his hands. He not only has the power but he exercises it. It is appointed unto men once to die. God said, "In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." In that day the sentence of death went forth. And in Adam all die. The sentence is executed on all. And it came when, where and how as God wills it. But it comes inevitably. It is the sentence of God.

Men generally accept this as true, because there is no escape from it. And Christian men accept it as the judgment of God. On many the sentence is executed in infancy or childhood, before the individuals have come to the years of accountability. In some lands a majority of the people die in childhood. It is accepted as true, and men do not complain about any injustice of God. It is the just sentence of God whether executed in childhood or old age. The wages of sin is death. By one man sin came into the world and death by sin. This death sentence came on infants as well as adults.

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teacher who complains of the injustice of God because of the above facts. But we have come upon times when some preachers and religious leaders are protesting against what the Bible says about God ordering the people of Canaan to be exterminated. They protest that God could not do such a thing; that it is all a mistake, and a misunderstanding of the nature of God. That is not the sort of God they want or will have.

These people will have to learn not only that God ordered the death of all the Canaanites, but of the whole world, and that because of the same thing, because of sin. Why complain about the Canaanites, when all the world must die because of sin. Why make an exception of the little children in Canaan, when there are millions of little children dying in the world today. And every death is because of sin. The Lord waited to give the Canaanites a chance. He told Abraham that the iniquity of the Canaanites was not yet full, and waited 400 years on them.

Why call the slaughter of the Canaanites barbarous and inhuman, when the Lord sent a flood on the earth and destroyed every living soul on it, men, women and children, except the family of Noah? The deaths in Canaan were a part of universal experience. "Death came to all men for that all sinned."

Has God not a right to do what he will with his own? The trouble with these deniers of the sovereignty of God is that they have no adequate conception of the sinfulness of sin. Sin is treason against God, repudiation of his authority. These deniers of God's sovereignty forget that "Our God is a consuming fire"; that "He cannot look upon sin." God has made a way of escape from sin, from death and from hell. There is a sure way of escape. But we are not to forget that sin and death and hell are a reality. As in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Moses asked to see the glory of God. And the answer was from the mouth of God himself: "Jehovah, Jehovah God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin; and that will by no means clear the guilty."

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**Resolutions or notice of any action taken by Baptist bodies in reference to the appointment of an ambassador to the pope, should be sent to Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, 715 8th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.**

**Dr. Mark A. Matthews, pastor of the largest Presbyterian Church in America died recently at the age of 72. He has been moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly. He was true to the fundamentals of the Bible and the Lord greatly honored his ministry.**

**The Watchman Examiner quotes from a dispatch to the New York Sun a news item from Rumania that the Baptists of that country have been given "complete freedom of worship." We hope the report is true, but good news from Rumania has sometimes been found to be erroneous.**

**Crowds and majorities never determine moral issues, or fix the standard of right and wrong, truth and falsehood. The question of truth and righteousness is determined only by the voice of God. God has spoken to our fathers in many ways and many parts, and in these last days hath spoken to us in His Son. He is the revelation of God; he is the truth. The revelation of God in Jesus Christ is preserved for us and for all generations in the Bible itself. Here we have the testimony of eye witnesses. What they saw and heard and handled they have declared to us. His word is given to be accessible to all men. The man or institution or "church" which keeps the word of God away from the people, or the people away from the word, is an enemy of God and of all mankind. To the law and the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them, Is. 8:20. Again Isaiah says, "Hear O heavens, and give ear, O earth, for Jehovah hath spoken." Every man must give account of himself to God, and he can't turn it over to any intermediary of priest or preacher.**

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b( "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

### Centerville—Jones County

Rev. Bruce Hilbun is pastor not only at Centerville, but Pine Grove, Sanford and Sand Hill.

Last year saw satisfactory advances both in spirituality and in finances. They are now planning a building program which will include enlarging the auditorium and adding Sunday school rooms. And the plans are drawn, one half the estimated cost has been pledged.

We were present on a week night and although our coming had been announced only the day before, a good sized crowd was on hand to hear about the EVERY FAMILY plan. They liked it and AFTER the pastor expressed his desire that it be adopted, they DID.

Jones County's Record readers are listed as follows: ELLISVILLE 101; Calvary 1; SOUTH LAUREL 12; PINE GROVE 10; Laurel 2; LAUREL FIRST 374; Second Avenue 1; WEST LAUREL 160; SHELTON 10; SANDERSVILLE 27; SUMMERLAND 60; Ovett 1; MT. ORAL 61; SHARON 14; MOZELLE 27; Estabuchie 1.

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### Calvary—Vicksburg

Recently we mentioned the plan of Pastor J. C. Murphy and the Calvary Church at Vicksburg. They have a box in the vestibule marked "Baptist Record Box." When opened recently it contained not only enough to pay the bill for the month but enough for another month with some left to apply on the next month. Where the pastor wants the EVERY FAMILY plan there's a way.

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### She Kept Her Promise

A lady recently came by the Record office and subscribed for the Record. She said, "I've been out of work for quite awhile. That's why I had to let my subscription expire. I said that when I got work I was certainly going to subscribe again. I got my first check yesterday and the first thing I'm doing with the money is to subscribe for the Record."

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### He Knows—He Tried It

I have been asking my folk at Bethel, "How do you like the Record?" and the universal answer has been, "We sure do enjoy it very much." My people read it and it even now is reflecting its influences in the renewed interest in general denominational affairs. I am sure that it will be a regular item in our church budget from now on.

The rough weather of the past few weeks has cut down our attendance somewhat, but the offerings have been more encouraging than for any time in recent months.

Yours in the service of Jesus,  
Eli Callahan

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### Mendenhall

The Men's Bible Class at Mendenhall recently presented Pastor C. C. Jones with a fine suit of clothes. We don't guarantee suits of clothes as a result of the EVERY FAMILY plan, but Mendenhall does have the EF plan.

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### HERE'S MORE PROOF—AFTER EATING

Dear brother Goodrich:

As I see the circulation of The Baptist Record increase, I am thanking God and praying for it to go in all the Baptist homes of Mississippi. The Baptist Record has become such a habit with me that I want all my families to read it wherever I preach. When this is true it acts as a good pastor's assistant and works for my church and the Baptist causes while I am asleep or away from that community. The people who read the Record are easy to preach to for they are sympathetic

with our Baptist program. They are sympathetic because they inform themselves through the reading of the Baptist Record.

For several years, now, The Record has gone into either half or all the homes where I have pastored. I hope I may continue such a program.

My people as a whole read the Baptist Record and greatly enjoy it.

I hope every Baptist pastor in the state will interest himself in getting the Record in all the Baptist homes. Then all the good things in the Record will be known by nearly all Mississippi Baptists and what a day in Zion!

A. A. Kitchings, Clinton, Miss.

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**In the First Church of Oklahoma City there are 1600 families getting the state Baptist paper.**

**The many friends of Dr. W. W. Hamilton will remember him and his wife in prayer. She continues seriously ill.**

**Juniper Grove: We seem to be in the midst of a revival spirit. In the last two Sundays we have had six additions and six are awaiting baptism.**—Reporter.

**Dr. John H. Buchanan, pastor Southside Church, Birmingham, will be with Pastor J. W. Inzer, First Church, Asheville, in a meeting March 4-8.**

**Four new missionaries to Brazil were recently appointed by the Foreign Mission Board: Rev. and Mrs. Sherod H. Stover and Rev. and Mrs. Patrick D. Sullivan.**

**Lorman: Rev. Herman A. Hunderup, Jr., student at Mississippi College, has been called as pastor at Fellowship Baptist Church (Lorman). He is the son of Evangelist H. A. Hunderup, West Coast evangelist.**

**We understand that Dr. W. C. Allen will retire from the editorship of the Baptist Courier of South Carolina on April 1 and will be succeeded by Dr. J. M. Burnett. Dr. Allen has been editor several years, since the death of Dr. Z. T. Cody and has proved himself to be a Christian gentleman of the highest type. It is good to have had fellowship with him during these years. Dr. Burnett is a native of Tennessee, but has worked in South Carolina for a number of years.**

**Eudora: The unusual weather for the past few weeks has greatly hindered but not suspended the services at Eudora. Regular Sunday school has been maintained but B. T. U., prayer meeting and Sunday evening services have been hard hit.**

**Eighth Avenue, Meridian: The work at Eighth Avenue is going along in high gear under Pastor Wm. A. Burns. Brother Burns was educated at Gordon Military College, Mercer University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Since 1936 he has been a chaplain in the Civilian Conservation Corps. He has had pastoral experience in Kentucky, Georgia and North Carolina. Welcome to Mississippi brother.**

**The meeting at Clinton closed Sunday night and the church is greatly edified. There were several added to the church. We know of no place where the cooperation of the membership is better and few where it is so good. The students of the two colleges attended in great numbers and shared in the responsibility of the work. The children of the public school were there every day, and the congregations have never been larger. Many among these last were converted and united with the church. But don't think this was a mere school meeting. All these people of whatever occupation constitute the church, and participate in its work. Dr. R. C. Campbell of Dallas, Texas, was the preacher. He believes in the word of God and the Spirit of God and depends on them to do the work of saving. His message is clear and simple and straight to the mark, and the Lord honors it. Prof. Carnett of the Music Department of the Baptist Bible Institute was in charge of the singing. He is reverent and knows how to make the singing worshipful. He knows good hymns and will have no other. We have never seen young people more willing to help. Pastor J. W. Middleton led all the way through in a way to inspire the best work. Blessings will go out from this meeting to many parts of the state and they will continue through eternity.**



## Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

Worship \* Serve \* Give

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42.

Win Someone to Him!

### I

Words of commendation come from Dr. Tyler, Blue Mountain College, for Acts 5:42, heading this column for 1940. We believe this is one of the many New Testament marks we have for the most part missed.

### II

Despite snow, ice, almost impassible roads, flu, colds, etc., we had ten good evangelistic conferences. Sixty associations, 141 pastors and many laymen—men and women—were present.

Our host pastors and churches were all that could be asked.

Our speakers were of the best.

Let us now do something about it personally, in our churches and in our associations.

### III

We have been asked about the comparative receipts from some of the churches.

Here are 25 churches, according to our records, giving most to the Cooperative Program for 1939: Jackson First, \$3736.86; Meridian First, \$3309.93; Vicksburg First, \$2807.27; Greenwood First, \$2,709.40; Hattiesburg First, \$2684.20; McComb First, \$2634.09; Leland, \$2602.90; West Point, \$2550.00; Brookhaven First, \$2325.19; Laurel First, \$2273.83; Grenada First, \$2198.17; Jackson Calvary, \$2141.22; Canton First, \$2039.98; Tylertown, \$1641.70; Columbus First, \$1598.13; Hattiesburg Main Street, \$1391.01; Clinton \$1351.17; Picayune, \$1267.40; Tupelo Calvary, \$1256.00; Kosciusko First, \$1255.50; Blue Mountain, Lowrey Memorial, \$1253.21; Corinth First, \$1236.17; Oxford First, \$1202.73; Drew, \$1060.33; Columbia First, \$996.49.

Mistakes cheerfully corrected.

### IV

"The first problem of soul-winning is the problem of the soul-winner. Christian friend, do you dare to ask yourself these four questions about your attitude toward lost souls?

1. How deeply do I care?
2. How sincere is my prayer?
3. How much do I have which I may share?
4. How far will I dare?

In other words, how deep is your compassion and how strong is your compulsion toward soul-winning? Heart-broken compassion, akin to that which made Christ weep o'er lost souls, spurs one to dare a holy recklessness in trying to win the lost. Men are not won by those who supinely say: "I'm sorry. I wish they were Christians."

Compassion for souls may be developed in the following ways:

- (1) PRAYER—Pray daily that your heart may be flooded with love for Christ and lost souls.
- (2) SEE SIN—Consider the degrading sinfulness of sin.
- (3) LOOK AT THE MULTITUDES LOST—Look at the lost multitudes of men, and the sinfulness of society on every hand.
- (4) FEEL THE URGENCY—Think of the tremendous urgency for winning men, because of the shortness and uncertainty to life.
- (5) CONSIDER POSSIBILITIES — Measure the precious possibilities of a saved life."

### V

The State Mission Secretary's held their annual meeting at Brownsville, Texas. The fellowship was fine. The discussions helpful. Such items as the following were discussed: Our Denominational schools; 100M Club; Ministers' Retirement; Church Union Propaganda; Cooperative Program; the Association; budgets; highway evangelism;

conferences; special days; religious liberty and church loyalty.

The brethren take their work seriously. Our problems are one.

### VI

In our own car, at our own expense we ran on down into Mexico. We had wanted to do this for a long time but seemed to be always busy.

The border towns are hardly typically Mexican. Bad America has soiled them.

At Saltillo we met the young Baptist Pastor. This church has 317 members, 225 being resident. On the wall they had Psalms 84:1 and Habakkuk 2:20 written, and a picture of the open Bible throwing rays of light over the whole world. The previous Sunday 141 were present in Sunday school with 26 absent. Some class names were: Jewels of His Crown, Stars of Bethlehem, Rose of Sharon, Rays of Light, Disciples of Jesus, Berean Christians and Home Department. The building was well kept.

We secured other fine Christian testimony we shall be happy to pass along as we go.

### VII

Calendar of Activities for March:

1. "Thus Saith the Lord" Church Loyalty Emphasis.
2. B. T. U. Study Course (One of books on "Church" suggested).
3. Spring revival.
4. Home and Foreign Mission Offering.
5. W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Home Missions, 4th-8th.
6. Sunday School State Convention, 5th-6th.
7. Mississippi Baptist 5M Club.
8. Cooperative Program.

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MISSIONARY DAY, MARCH 31

J. E. Dillard

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Sunday, March 31 is Missionary Day among Southern Baptists. Every day should be a missionary day with Christian people just as every day should be a thanksgiving day. But it is well to designate one Sunday for the special concrete consideration of our Home and Foreign Mission work.

Yes, both Home and Foreign missions are included in our Cooperative Program and this special day with its special offering is not to conflict with but rather to help the Cooperative Program.

The main purpose of Missionary Day is educational. Are you sure you and all your officers and teachers know what Home Missions is all about? Do they know what Foreign Missions is trying to do? Are you sure the pupils in Sunday school will get the information?

Information begets inspiration and desire. Who knows but some consecrated, gifted boy or girl in your Sunday school may feel called of the Lord to special Christian service as a result of this day?

Then there are people, many of them, who are giving little or nothing to our mission work through the Cooperative Program or in any other way. And there are some who have been especially blessed and could give and would give a special thank offering to this glorious work if they were urged to do so. They ought to be urged. This special missionary day offers the opportunity. It ought to be used in a great way for a great cause. There isn't any danger of our people knowing too much about our work or giving too much to our work.

So don't forget to put on Missionary Day in the Sunday school March 31. Give an opportunity for missionary consecration; take a special offering, it is to be the annual "over and above" offering for Home and Foreign missions; it is to be a thank-offering, a love-offering. Make it a worthy offering; 32% is for Home Missions, 68% for Foreign Missions.

A most attractive and informing program with detailed suggestions has been prepared and mailed to all superintendents. This program is also printed in The Teacher and The Sunday School Builder for March. Offering envelopes will be sent free on request by the Committee on Denominational Calendar, 161 Eighth Avenue, N.,

## NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

### I

We are for first emphasis upon the Cooperative Program. It cannot increase enough to pay off the \$540,000 of debts. Christian Education only gets 25%. Now figure the increase necessary.

### II

From the Recording Secretary of our Education Commission comes the following statement: "Could Mississippi Baptists rid themselves of their hindering debts not only would there be a great saving of interest but all forces could then be centered on the main business of Christians—Evangelism and Missions. Too long have we been on the sideline. This is the greatly desired end in the effort now to double the 5M Club. Surely one Baptist in two hundred fifty can be found who will by joining the Club bring this about in the next five years."

### III

The first full annual payment in doubling the 5M Club comes from Mrs. Mattie Box on a \$1,000.00 Certificate.

The first full three-year payment, in advance, comes from Miss Jennie Stevens—one thousand dollars. Thanks again.

A third \$1,000.00 Certificate went to Mrs. H. G. Carpenter, and, Doxology again!

### IV

Treasurers, pastors, et al, it is absolutely necessary to correct records that all remittances to this office be properly labelled. For instance, some money comes in as a gift to the Annuity Board, while much comes in on Ministers' Retirement. The two are different items of course. We thank you for giving this attention.

### V

Some say they will pay to this Cause when Mississippi Baptists show they are ready to complete it. One cannot learn to swim until he gets in the water.

### VI

#### Honesty

This is a reproduction of the 1940 seal for the Now Club certificates. We are happy to say we are now mailing out some of these seals for annual payments on three year certificates.

Everybody should be honest. The people of our Lord must be honest! We need a revival of honesty. God's people must lead the way.

Hypocrites in the church must not keep folks from being saved! Inconsistencies in denominational leaders do not free us from obligations!

#### Loyalty

Here we reproduce the 1941 seal for the Now Club certificates. We are happy to be able to mail the first—yes, sir, somebody paying up a year ahead.

"Be thou faithful unto death—" Dr. Truett shook us with the interpretation once, "die before being unfaithful."

Would you and I die before betraying our Lord and Mississippi Baptists—His churches? Judas Iscariot! What a name!

#### Victory

Now comes a look at the 1942 seal. What is sweeter than Victory! Victory in His Name! Victory in His Cause!

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Nashville, Tennessee.

Pastor consult your superintendent; superintendent get in touch with your pastor. Let's make Missionary Day a great day for Missions.

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God Almighty never made His people to go down in defeat. We have never believed it! We have never preached it!  
Jesus bathed His body in His blood that VICTORY might come!

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We report Certificates as follows:

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**INTERPRETING DR. LEE'S DREAM**

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This is written in regard to Mr. J. W. Lee's dream. I want to express my views on the dream.

The large many buildings in flames and its many occupants represent this world with so many living in sin who are facing the near return of our Lord and Saviour. It seems a warning to the church to get busy and do all they can to win them to Christ. The first fire company trying to fight the flame in my mind represents the great Romish church who is trying to get our nation in its power, unknown to most of our people. They are being drawn into the great power by degrees through the great political leaders of our nation. This unknown power is claiming to be helping poor suffering humanity when at heart they are working to gain them in their power to bind them where they can not do anything to help themselves.

I believe the great white chief in the second fire equipment represents the Holy Spirit in the churches, at work through God's own children doing all in their power to save poor lost human souls in the trying hour of sin and suffering here below. Those who did not seem to be interested are the people in the churches who are satisfied and at ease and are not concerned about those who are lost and dying in sin.

We the Christians who are anxious to see all people saved represent the last part of the dream. May all of us give ourselves wholly to the Lord, to do as He bids us, that many may be born into God's Kingdom before it is too late and the awful day of judgment is ushered in.

Written by one who loves the dear Lord and Saviour.

Mrs. J. D. Thompson.

**—BR—**

Rev. Percy Ray conducted a meeting at Furr's church closing February. Furr's church is in Pontotoc County.

**THE FAITH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**

By W. T. Conner

Broadman Press—\$2.50

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This title has peculiar significance for Baptists, because it goes to the very heart of Baptist doctrine and practice. Doctor Conner successfully resists the temptation to try to appear learned by questioning without support the authenticity of certain books and the reliability of others. He contents himself with accepting the New Testament as we have it, and proceeds to let it proclaim its own message. In Jesus, Paul, and John he finds the principal exponents and examples of the faith of the New Testament, and around them—their words and acts—he builds the teachings of the New Testament. The author's work is scholarly without being pedantic, authoritative without being burdensome, and logical without being dull. Doctor Conner, of course, is at home in the original languages—so much so in fact that he can write so that those who use English only have no difficulty in understanding him. In our opinion, this volume meets for a long time to come all needs in this field.

John L. Hill, Book Editor,  
Baptist Sunday School Board,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

Order from Baptist Book Store serving your state.

**—BR—**

**Picayune:** Brother E. C. Williams and Miss Ruby Taylor have been with us this week for a good Teacher Training school. Eight books have been taught, 12 churches have been represented and up through Thursday night our average attendance each night was 107. S. P. Powell, J. F. Brantley, Clyde Gordon, Phil. Walker and C. M. White have taught books and had good classes. We are ready for our final test tonight. We rejoice in the fine response and Secretary Williams is checking for at least two standard schools as a result of the school this week. With the inspiration gathered we will journey toward Kosciusko for our State Sunday School Convention March 5th and 6th.—O. P. Estes, Pastor.

To Baptists the strangest of all charges against them is that they believe a person cannot be saved without being baptized. They are one of a very few groups of Christians who do not believe that baptism has anything to do with saving a soul. Catholics make no apologies for teaching that baptism is a saving ordinance. But they are not alone in their dependence on baptism for salvation. A number of cases have come to our own knowledge where members of evangelical churches show their faith in baptism as a means of salvation. We have just read a book by Mel. Trotter. In this he tells why he was advised by his fellow Presbyterians to be ordained as a minister. It was that he might administer the ordinances. And this was precipitated by finding a woman who had taken carbolic acid in a suicide attempt. Fearing that she would die he hurriedly sent for a minister in the middle of the night that he might baptize her.

We have just read a new book by Melvin P. Trotter with the title "These Forty Years," which takes its place among the most thrilling stories of work among those ruined by sin. We know of no book since the publishing of "Twice Born Men," forty years ago that is its equal in this field. He was himself marvelously saved from a ruined and sinful life. He was soon led into the business of saving others. This book is not about himself except as he is used of God in rescuing men and women whom the world would count hopeless. He has been in this work for forty years. His experiences are great demonstrations that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. The reading of this book will stir your soul with compassion, will renew your faith in the saving grace of Christ, and make you want to be a better servant of Jesus Christ. It is from Zondervan Pub. House of Grand Rapids, and may be had of your Baptist Book Store for \$1.00.

Brother and sister D. A. McCall and Scotchie Jr. had a great trip to Mexico. He says the Mexican preachers know how to preach and the Lord blesses their testimony in the salvation of souls.

Through the Annie Armstrong offering for Home Missions which last year amounted to over \$149,000, the Gospel is preached to thousands in the homeland who otherwise would be without a chance.

To the members of Oral Baptist Church, Lamar County: Beginning with this issue The Baptist Record, your own paper, will come to you each week as a gift from your church. It is our prayer that you read it carefully that you may become better acquainted with the work Baptists are doing both at home and abroad. May we urge that you attend every service held at your church. We especially urge that you be present for the services Sunday. If you have not filled out one of our "Everybody Busy" blanks, please do so.—Gaston G. Mooney, Pastor.

A letter from Rev. A. L. McKnight brings us the information that he has finished his work for the bachelor's degree at the Louisville Seminary, has resigned the pastorate of Sanders, Ky., and returned to a chaplaincy in the Army. He is now stationed at Camp Ord in California and is responsible for the moral and spiritual care of 2,500 young men. He has a great responsibility as well as a great opportunity. He asks that his Mississippi friends remember him in their prayers. He graduated from Mississippi College some ten years ago.

There are people who cannot distinguish colors. Green and red look alike to them. They can't help it, and are not to be blamed. There are also people who have no sense of beauty. A beautiful lawn or a glorious sunset stir no high and joyous emotions in them. A stable is as attractive to them as the morning star. They are to be pitied, for they miss much of the glory of living. In some measure they may be censured for they have chosen to live in the slime instead of looking at the stars. And there are people who go through the world amid the evidence of the presence and working of God, and never see Him. The fool hath said in his heart, "No God." He doesn't see Him. He is blind to that which ought to be most evident. To the man beside him "the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork." But to the fool the sense of God's presence, power, wisdom, and glory—these things have no existence. There is no meaning in this life, no hope for the life to come. Jesus came to open the eyes of the blind.

We have recently received the following books from the Zondervan Publishing House of Grand Rapids which our readers will be glad to know about: 1. Expository Preaching by Jeff D. Ray, professor of Homiletics in the Southwestern Seminary. We hope to speak more fully of it later. It is the sort of book that a preacher can not well do without. 113 pages; price \$1.00. 2. "Calvary," one sermon by Dr. R. G. Lee of Memphis, price 15c. 3. "Philemon, An Exposition," eleven pages by Louis S. Bauman, D.D., eleven pages, 15c. 4. "Moody Winner of Souls," by A. Chester Mann; 135 pages, price \$1.00. 5. Adoniram Judson, by Walter McCleary, 17 pages, 10c. 6. "When God Stands Up" by Earl Cooley Sheridan, Baptist pastor in Augusta, Ga., 113 pages, \$1.00. Deals with Anthropomorphisms in the Bible. 7. Crossroads on Life's Highway, sermons by Virginia Baptist pastors, compiled by C. N. Parker, 144 pages, price \$1. 8. Can We Expect A World Wide Revival, by Paul W. Rood, 154 pages, \$1.00. The author is president of World's Christian Fundamentals Asso. 9. A Man On The Run (Jonah), by D. M. White, Baptist pastor, Clarksville, Ga., 116 pages, \$1.00. 10. "Respectable Sinners," sermons (13) by C. V. Hickerson, Baptist pastor, San Antonio, Texas, \$1.00. 11. Lift Your Skyline, sermons by P. M. Bales of Tyler, Texas, 137 pages, \$1.00. 12. The Glory Of His Grace, by W. H. Wrighton, head of Department of Philosophy, University of Georgia, 126 pages, \$1.00.



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I am quite sure those of you who read Royal Service have already discovered that Mississippi did not meet her quota for Royal Service subscriptions for 1939. We missed it only 8 subscriptions. Somebody neglected to subscribe that should be a reader. We are members of an organization whose functioning purpose is to stimulate a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and young people of our churches. How are we going to be able to maintain this purpose if we are not reading our Missionary Magazines.

Our quota for Mississippi for 1940 is 6025. The W. M. U. of the South makes our quota by adding 5% to the number of subscriptions sent in the previous year.

Each society can set its goal accordingly.  
Let's not neglect this important matter.

### PLEASE DON'T SHUT THE DOOR

By Blanche Sydnor White

The little niece was being tucked into bed one night—her prayers all offered, her goodnights all said. The mother kissed the little one, snapped out the light and closed the door of the nursery. Out from the darkened room there came a plaintive cry: "Please don't shut the door all shut, Mother. Just open it a little bit."

Then, in a little while, when there came no response from mother, and the darkness seemed to choke the little one's breath, there came the beating of tiny fists upon the closed door and the cry: "It's so dark in here, Mother! Open the door!"

The mother, following the rules in that book which guides modern parents, bit her lip, swallowed the sympathetic sob in her throat, and shook her head, as the baby pled. In the home that evening there was a maiden aunt, who just couldn't stand it. She pled hard for just a little bit of light to comfort the child, shut away from the warmth and comfort of the family circle.

One day long afterwards, when she worked with the committee which was planning the list of objects to be included in the 1940 Annie W. Armstrong Offering, she remembered that evening, heard again the voice of the beloved niece. All of the money that could be safely counted on to come in through this blessed offering had been allocated. The committee paused for prayer and in the quiet committee room, voices seemed to be calling from the darkness outside.

"Please don't shut the door," the sixty-five little Mexican children cried, as they were turned away from the Anglo-Mexican Baptist Institute in El Paso. "Just leave it open a little bit for another little girl from old Mexico," they pled with Prof. Velez who has worked such miracles with such poor equipment. With tears in his eyes Professor Velez closed that door.

Twenty-five hundred dollars more than we have listed simply MUST come to complete the new school building contemplated for that school that the door may be opened to the many, many children from El Paso and from old Mexico, just across the border, who are knocking there for admittance.

"Please don't shut the door." I turned to see the wistful faces of thousands of little French children, who, like Vena Aguiard, in days gone by, know that there is light somewhere nearer the Cross of Christ than they have ever been drawn.

We need, at least, ten more French missionaries, right now, for the openings which have come—men who, like Lucien Smith, will visit

homes like the Aguiard home, and lead entire families into the Light. I cannot bear to close that door!

"Please don't shut the door." And we listened to Dr. J. W. Beagle as he dreamed of a chain of kindergartens along the Texas-Mexican border from El Paso to Laredo.

"How much would it cost to open those kindergartens?" we had asked Dr. Beagle.

"No more than \$2,000 a year," he had answered. Hundreds of little Mexican children who would see the light through those tiny openings have been crying ever since, "Please don't shut the door!"

"Please open the door just a little bit," children of our great Southern cities, children in the slums of those cities, are crying now. There are little Jewish fists that are knocking—knocking. And, somehow, one sees the hand of the blessed boy of Nazareth as He is guiding them toward the light within our doorways. How can I close that door!

There are little yellow hands in many a group of Chinese in this America of ours, ignored, now, as the 1,500 Chinese in the Delta of the Mississippi were so long ignored.

There are the solid hands of children whose lives have been spent in dusty mining centers. There are the pale, enaciated hands of children whose mothers have not been taught how best to care for their large families.

There are red hands in Indian tepees and hogans; black hands from rural shacks and city slums; brown hands of mixed peoples—oh, the hands of those who knock, the voices of those who cry, "Please don't shut the door!"

The list is closed, the goals are set. Some doors have been kept open, a few new doors have been set ajar. But the closed doors and the children out in the darkness who cry—they are haunting me!

How can I open those doors and send the light streaming into that darkness? The Annie W. Armstrong Offering is the answer. Larger gifts through that offering will do it.

How can I give more? Not by subtracting from my gifts to other causes, for that would mean the closing of other doors.

Where can I find the money to open at least one of those closed doors which have not been included in the present list? There's that trip I had planned to take. How could I enjoy it, anyway, if the crying and the knocking accompany me?

There's the dollar spent in the beauty parlor. What will that extra wave mean if little children are forever crying in the dark?

There's the spring coat and dress hat. If I must be listening all the while to the knocking of little fists on closed doors, what does it matter what I wear?

There's security at the end of my active service. How can I rest securely upon the comforting thought of independence in my old age when I have left in eternal insecurity the souls of little precious children for whom Jesus died?

"Dear Father in Heaven, in the Name of Thy Son, who blessed the children who came to Him in the long ago, and blesses, even now, all those whom we bring to Him, help me to give and give until my empty hands are clasping the hands of all the little children of our homeland who need Thee. Use these extra dollars which I bring to open those closed doors until there are no more barriers which shut out from the Light of the World those for whom Thou didst send Thy Son to die on the Cross of Calvary. Amen."

—Southern Baptist Home Missions.

### "KEEP UP OUR FAITH IN GOD"

From Baptist Courier

We are in receipt of a communication from the President of the Baptist World Alliance, London, England, enclosing a letter from a pastor in Vasa, Finland. This letter was dated January 17, 1940, and forwarded from London to America, January 25, 1940. It contains many striking expressions, and is such a strong testimony to faith in God, we are reproducing it in our editorial columns, as follows:

"Many thanks for your kind letter. I translated it and had it published in several papers, both Finnish and Swedish. It is good for us to know that we have the sympathy and brotherly love of our brothers in Christ while we are treading our Calvary-journey. During many centuries the Finnish people has had to suffer severely, and nearly always our eastern neighbor has been the cause of our suffering. But we can suffer if needs be; and we will never become Bolsheviks, whatever the Russians do. Still, we wait for the whole world to come to our assistance, because we fight not only for ourselves, but for the Western civilization, for humanity, and especially for Christianity, against a godless community.

"I enclose in this letter a 'show-bit,' a piece of a Russian bomb. I found it yesterday in our church, when I had a few hours' leave from the military service and went to our church to look after the damage done by the Russian bombs during the last air raid a few days ago. Of course I could find bigger pieces, but they are too big to put into a letter. The auditorium in our church was not seriously damaged, but the church hall and the kitchen are in a very bad state. One of the walls 'was, but is no more.'

"My wife and I have now lost our home. It went during the last air raid. Nothing was to be rescued. My library, several documents, all furniture, all lies now in a smoky ruin. Three handbags with clothes are now our only property. But we do not worry. We are at least still living, and that is the main thing. Of course it was a severe blow for my wife and also for me, but there is nothing to do to it. Now you probably understand why I write to you on this paper in this way. My typewriter of course also went with everything else.

"During all we keep up our faith in God. We trust in Him, and hope that He will give us victory. And whatever happens we are in God's hands. Nothing can sever us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Whether we are living or die, we belong to the Lord. It is something great to be a Christian in this time."

The above testimony will put many to shame because of their little faith, and we point to the meaningful expression in the heading, namely: "We keep up our faith in God." In these trying times, and all times are trying in a measure, let us emulate this fine example, and "keep up" or exercise a strong and vital faith in God.

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"Food, Fun and Fellowship" was the theme of the banquet on February 22nd in the Okolona Baptist Church, honoring the men of the church. Mr. Allison Bell of Tupelo, was the principal speaker, and brought a most inspiring message. The Rev. Silas Cooper of Calvary Baptist Church in Tupelo, was also a guest. A program of music was furnished by the high school quartet. Brief talks were given by the pastor, R. B. Patterson, Sunday School Superintendent C. A. Lyles, and R. A. Dean, chairman of the Board of Deacons.

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REV. C. H. HAMLET, III

Who on March first goes from the  
pastorate at Juniper Grove to De-  
catur.

After a successful pastorate of  
eighteen months at Juniper Grove,  
Pearl River County, Rev. Charles B.  
Hamlet III, on March 1st begins  
his pastorate at Decatur. In addi-  
tion to Decatur, his field will be  
composed of Crossroads and Nesho-  
ba.

From the Anniversary Bulletin of  
Juniper Grove Baptist Church we  
note the following accomplishments  
under the leadership of Pastor Ham-  
lett:

## Spiritual

1. Enlarged mid-week prayer  
meeting.
2. Emphasis upon reverence in the  
Lord's house.
3. Three cottage prayer meetings  
each week, sponsored by the Broth-  
erhood; an earnest attempt to take  
religion into the home.
4. An increased emphasis upon  
the worship service with an effort  
to dignity and glorify it.
5. Perennial evangelism — every  
Sunday night an evangelistic serv-  
ice.

## Organization

1. Expansion and enlargement of  
all organizations with an effort to  
enlist all resident church members.
2. The largest B. T. U. and Sunday  
school study courses in the history  
of the church.
3. A junior choir.

4. Co-ordination of the church pro-  
gram through the church council.

Beautification of the Lord's House

1. Installation of new pews, the  
gift of a member.
2. Purchased rug for center aisle.
3. Installation of pulpit chair, the  
gift of a member.
4. Completion of recreation room  
in the basement.

## "Beyond Our Local Borders"

1. Organization of the Pearl River  
County Brotherhood in Juniper  
Grove church. 350 laymen were pres-  
ent.
2. Invited 1940 district B. T. U.  
Convention.
3. Brotherhood assisted in organi-  
zation of Steep Hollow Brotherhood.
4. Increased emphasis on missions.

## Evangelism

1. Nineteen professions of faith  
in Christ.
2. Fifteen for baptism and two  
awaiting baptism.
3. Seventeen by letter.
4. Evangelistic service every Sun-  
day night.

## Financial

1. For the first time in history of  
the church, an entirely self-support-  
ing full time church program.
2. A unified church budget.
3. A debtless church.
4. Adoption of Sunday school en-  
velope financial system.
5. An enlarged Lord's acre pro-  
gram which includes the women and  
young people.

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## THE POPE AND THE PRESIDENT

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The following letter from Paul T.  
Culbertson, Assistant Chief of For-  
eign Affairs, Department of State,  
to Dr. Louie D. Newton, under date  
of February 13, and Dr. Newton's  
reply, under date of February 24,  
was made public Saturday. This  
correspondence traces the history of  
Dr. Newton's original letter to Presi-  
dent Roosevelt, under date of Dec.  
25, 1939, asking for information re-  
garding the appointment of Myron  
C. Taylor as the Personal Repre-  
sentative of the President of the  
United States to the Vatican.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE Washington

Feb. 13, 1940.

The Rev. Louie D. Newton,  
Druid Hills Baptist Church,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Mr. Newton:

The receipt is acknowledged of  
your letter of February 5, 1940, with  
further reference to the appoint-  
ment of the Honorable Myron Taylor  
as personal representative of the  
President.

You have asked whether Mr. Tay-  
lor's expenses are to be borne by the  
government or by Mr. Taylor him-  
self. Should Mr. Taylor incur ex-  
penses which are properly charge-  
able to the appropriate allotments  
made by Congress to the Department  
of State, these will be paid by the  
Government.

Mr. Taylor goes as personal rep-  
resentative of the President to the  
person of Pope Pius XII in the in-  
terest of the cause of peace. The  
objects of his mission were set forth  
in the President's letter to the Pope  
dated December 23, 1939, a copy of  
which is enclosed.

As stated in my previous letter,  
Mr. Taylor will proceed as "Person-

al Representative of the President  
of the United States." He will have  
the rank corresponding to that of  
Ambassador. His special mission  
does not constitute the establishment  
of formal diplomatic relations be-  
tween this Government and the  
Vatican state.

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed)

Paul T. Culbertson,  
Assistant Chief,  
Division of European Affairs

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## DR. NEWTON'S REPLY

Feb. 24, 1940.

Hon. Paul T. Culbertson,  
Assistant Chief,  
Division European Affairs,  
Department of State,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Culbertson:

Thanks for your letter of Feb. 13,  
1940 to which I would have made  
answer earlier but for absence from  
the state.

In answer to my question regard-  
ing Mr. Taylor's expenses you state  
that expenses which are properly  
chargeable to the appropriate allot-  
ments made by Congress to the De-  
partment of State will, in the case  
of Mr. Taylor, be paid by the Gov-  
ernment. You further state that Mr.  
Taylor goes as the personal repre-  
sentative of the President to the  
person of Pope Pius XII in the in-  
terest of the cause of peace. This  
seems to definitely establish the fact  
that Mr. Taylor goes to the acknowl-  
edged head of the Roman Catholic  
Church, and that his expenses will  
be paid by the government.

I now wish to ask how any money  
can be paid by the State Depart-  
ment or any other department of the  
Government for the expenses of Mr.  
Taylor as an official representative  
of the President to the Roman Cath-  
olic Church without violating Article  
One of the Amendments to the Con-  
stitution of the United States, which  
reads: "Congress shall make no law  
respecting an establishment of re-  
ligion . . ." Has there been any  
enabling act of the Congress au-  
thorizing such payment of public  
funds?

Further, has the Senate authoriz-  
ed the President to name an official  
representative to Pope Pius XII in  
accordance with Section Two of the  
Constitution of the United States,  
paragraph two, which reads: "The  
President shall have power, by and  
with the advice and consent of the  
Senate, to appoint ambassadors, oth-  
er public ministers and consuls . . ."  
You stated in your letter  
of February 3 that the appointment  
was made under the constitutional  
authority of the President, who is  
charged with the conduct of foreign  
affairs; but does that authority con-  
template the appointment of an am-  
bassador to a religious body?

Thanking you for the above in-  
formation, I am

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed)

Louie D. Newton

—BR—

## AN EVANGELICAL CENTER IN URUGUAY

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Montevideo, Uruguay—(F. M. B.)  
—On December 28, we made a trip  
with Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Orrick to  
Conchillas, which is about 140 miles  
from Montevideo. An Englishman

named Walker bought a large tract  
of land there in order to be able to  
get rock to build the harbor in Buen-  
os Aires. The town has grown up  
around the rock quarries and has  
many English characteristics. We  
stayed in the hotel, which is decid-  
edly English, though run by Uru-  
guayans. Mr. Walker is in England  
now, but his son manages the town  
and business. Several members of  
the Walker family are missionaries  
in Africa and India. Conchillas has  
evangelical tendencies, and there are  
a number of believers in the town.  
Our Mission has a pastor located  
there and we hope to organize a  
church before long as Conchillas of-  
fers a real opportunity as a center  
of evangelism. The school is con-  
ducted by evangelical teachers.

On Saturday, December 30, the  
pastor of the First Church, Monte-  
video, Ricardo Alvarez, was married  
to Lydia Ostermann, the daughter  
of the pastor in Conchillas. At the  
wedding dinner there were people of  
four language groups: Spanish,  
French, English, and German. Ev-  
ery person at the table spoke at  
least two languages, except us, and  
we speak only one and a quarter.

Our Rio Platense Convention  
(composed of delegates from church-  
es in Argentina, Uruguay and Para-  
guay) meets in Entre Rios, Argen-  
tina, February 3. The host church is  
a German Baptist church in a Ger-  
man colony. For two or three days  
before the convention, the pastors  
and missionaries meet for an en-  
campment. Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Tay-  
lor, and also Dr. R. C. Gresham,  
from Moultrie, Georgia, are expect-  
ed to be there. The world is not a  
large place after all; imagine meet-  
ing in Argentina the pastor of a  
church not a hundred miles from  
our former pastorate in Georgia.

Sydney L. Goldfinch.

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## SIWEL CHURCH

—O—

Somebody said it couldn't be done.  
But Siwel Baptist people proved it  
could, for during the year 1939 a  
two thousand dollar church was  
erected at Siwel, with four Sunday  
school rooms. We started with ten  
members; now we have forty. A wide  
awake Sunday school, B. T. U., mid-  
week prayer service and now a W.  
M. U. and we are almost free of  
debt.

Much credit is due our former pas-  
tor, brother J. N. Holloway for his  
untiring efforts in this work here.  
Much good has been done.

The members wish to take this  
method of thanking each and every  
one that contributed or helped in  
any way, especially do we thank  
Mrs. Annie B. Tann, for her nice  
donation of a piano for our church,  
and the Baptist Board has certainly  
helped us, and we are thankful for  
their help.

But still the harvest is white and  
our laborers are few. There's work  
yet to do. May God help each mem-  
ber to do his part.

—The Members

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## Sunday School Lesson

By L. Bracey Campbell

Lesson for March 3rd  
IN THE UPPER ROOM  
Matthew 26:1-30.

Printed text, Matthew 26:17-30

Introduction. The whole chapter is the lesson. Remember that we are not trying to learn anybody's quarterly or anybody's comment, but the meaning of the word of God recorded in the chapter assigned for our lesson. Read, therefore, the chapter. I know there are so many people who object, "But I can't understand the Bible." Well, do you take the trouble to try to understand as much as you can? Do you read the word over and over as you do a letter from loved absent friend? Do you ponder the word for its meaning, intelligently, that you may rightly construe the language, prayerfully, that you may be dependent upon the Spirit for the correct meaning, lovingly, that you may come to understand the word as a revelation of the love in the heart of God, trustfully, that you may learn to know that all things work together for the good of those who faithfully follow Him right up to the limit of the light His word and presence shed upon the way? Or would I not better say, "Who follow Him up to the limit of the ability to understand His word, and to perceive by the imperfect sight the pathway of His choosing"? Of course no one of us shall ever see perfectly in this life, even with the help of Him who is help of the helpless. I know a young man who, since the days of his early boyhood has been a patient of great Dr. Victor C. Smith, New Orleans, the greatest oculist in the South, but the young man can not see perfectly, and he never shall be able to, because he has congenital defective vision. Not even God will make a man of defective moral vision see as clearly as one of better vision well improved.

Of course there are difficulties in this chapter. When you have read it with the help of the Lord, and have come to understand it as best you can, you will do well to invite all the help at understanding that you can obtain from every source. Of course, I would say it is well to obtain in the beginning every help you can to the matters of the setting and circumstances surrounding the lesson. When it has been located in the larger chain of events and in its surroundings, strive to get yourself into the spirit of the time and the occasion. How are you to do all this? Oh, I don't know, but, if you'll try, you can learn.

I. He Knew the Day of His Death  
Drew Nigh. Vs. 1, 2.

And this fact He constantly brought to the minds of His disciples. He came for this purpose. The victory of His coming to earth was the manner of His going from it: the crown of His living was His dying: the price at which He received "All authority in heaven and on earth," was the yielding, the surrender, the gift that He made in His death on Calvary. In His death

is all sacrifice for sin made complete: in His death the power of sin is cancelled and the authority of Satan over men is nullified: in His death on the cross He fulfills His mission and works redemption for a race.

II. His Enemies Plotted His Death.  
Vs. 3-5.

Look at the prophecy of this plot in the second Psalm v. 2. "The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against Jehovah, and against His anointed." Now read Acts 4:24-28, to see how the apostles in the Spirit interpret the passage from the Psalm. Our Lord came to die, and for that purpose He went up to Jerusalem, and could, had He chosen to do so, have fled the country, thus escaping His death, thus also leaving men without hope of salvation. It was the Father's good pleasure that we should be saved by the death of our Lord. At the same time, the wicked rulers of the Jewish people, the men who denied, dogged the footsteps, and twisted out of their meaning the words of Jesus, won for themselves the awful distinction of having committed the greatest crime that ever blackened the hearts and crimsoned the hands of hate-filled man.

III. He Was Anointed at Bethany.  
Vs. 6-13.

Dr. John L. Hill intrigues me with his supposition that Martha of Bethany got a desire to give a reception with Jesus as honor guest, that Martha desired to entertain for Jesus and, for this purpose, borrowed the larger house of Simon the leper. Simon was not, of course, a leper at this time, but was formerly a leper whom our Lord had, no doubt, healed, else the guests could not have come to his house. Simon the business man who needed some one to remind him how his home, his property, could be made useful to Jesus, was glad to grant Martha's request.

Mary had a treasure, something which she valued highly, which she had kept, not knowing why she kept it, not dreaming that she would devote it to the use to which she did, till the occasion came. Perhaps she did not think of it till the evening was well wearing away, and then she quietly left the company at Simon's, went across the street to her own home, secured the precious ointment, returned as quietly, and performed her beautiful act of love for her Saviour.

Martha saw that nothing was lacking in provision for Jesus' comfort, or for the satisfaction of His appetite and that of those with Him. But Mary felt that something else was lacking, not that which is needed to satisfy physical hunger and slake physical thirst, but that finer food which is needed to satisfy the hunger of the heart.

See who objected to it! The level-headed business men of the company. There was no sense in using something of value in the expression of a mere sentiment! But, soft, my brother! The love which reckons costs is a faulty love, be sure. There come times when reckless of all costs, a loving heart gives expression to that which fills it. If you have never been where you felt that Jesus merited all that you had

of material worth, have never been where you were willing to make one heap of all your possessions and dedicate the heap of them to Him, you have never had the best experience of the Christian heart.

IV. He Was Sold for the Price of a Slave. Vs. 14-16.

Have you ever wondered why our Lord chose Judas into the twelve? So have I. He never was of them, in heart and sympathy. He was not a genuine believer, never a child of God. As an unwitting agent he served the devil, helped to consummate the plots of the Jews against Jesus, and fulfilled the eternal purpose of God. By the exercise of his own free will, he damned himself to everlasting infamy. God did not force Judas, he was free in the doing of his awful deed, but what he did was foreknown by God.

Judas' crime was not one whit the less heinous that it wrought to the accomplishment of man's redemption. Thousands, yea, millions of wicked men all down the years have set themselves in array against God and, while doing their worst, have thereby advanced God's best.

V. The Lord Ate the Passover and Instituted the Memorial Supper.  
Vs. 17-30.

1. Preparation. Vs. 17-19.

It is thought that the man to whom Christ sent the disciples that they might obtain the use of a house wherein to eat the passover was John Mark, author of the gospel. It was in the upper room of the house of Mary, mother of Mark, that the disciples were afterwards accustomed for some time to gather, and it is plausibly supposed that this was the same house.

You remember what the passover was, of course. It commemorated the night when down in Egypt the angel of death passed through the land and smote the firstborn in every house upon the door facing of which there did not appear the sign of the blood of the slain lamb. Over every house on the door of which this sign appeared, the angel passed, leaving unharmed all who abode within.

2. Participation. Vs. 20-25.

While they were eating, Jesus told them that one of their number would betray Him. And He seems to have made this declaration rather early in the progress of the meal. He was wanting to get them thinking of His betrayal and death, the real Lamb of God to whom this feat of so ancient an institution pointed forward. He talked to them of His betrayal and death.

Why did each one of them begin at once to ask, "Lord, is it I?" May it not be that even John realized that, but for the grace of God, it might be he himself?

One of the other writers (John 13:26) says that Jesus gave a sign by which they who understood the sign might know the traitor. It was the one whom He would feed with His own hand. He fed Judas. I have often thought that this was a last act of kindness upon the part of our Lord in His willingness to win Judas by kindness to loyalty to Himself, but poor Judas would not have it so. He sinned against the greatest possible kindness. The poet says, Christ sees the white in Ju-

das' heart, He loves His traitor well.

To sit at a man's table there in the east, and to eat of his food, is to place one's self under a binding obligation to speak no harm and to work no harm to him whose hospitality has relieved one's want. So hapless Judas is without excuse. Matthew says that Judas asked Jesus, just as the others did, "Is it I?" and that the Lord said in answer "You have said it." Did Judas go out then? I think so.

3. The Memorial. Vs. 26-29.

They had partaken of the paschal meal and had come to the end of it, undoubtedly, when our Lord did a new thing, introduced a new custom in place of the old, initiated a new rate to be observed by His disciples till He shall come again.

What is there new about it? That it commemorates Him in the act of His death for us. The bread which we break and of which we partake symbolizes his body which was broken for us, on our behalf, instead of our bodies.

And the cup of wine is likewise a symbol, a symbol of his blood shed on our behalf, in our stead, blood shed by Him in the place of our blood shed by us.

4. The Singing Christ. V. 30.

What did He sing? We are told that the songs sung in connection with the paschal, the passover, meal were Psalms 113-118, and that these were sung in two parts, first, Psalms 113, 114, then after an interlude, 115-118. But aside from the fact that it was custom, I can assign reasons why my Lord should have sung that night. 1. He had done what His Father sent Him to do. He had done the will of His Father. 2. He had finished His task, almost in toto. 3. He was going back home from a land in which He had not been too kindly received, was going back to the realm of life and light and glory whence He had come to earth. 4. But there was one train of events of some fifteen hours in length yet to be experienced, and this chain of events was terrible. He was singing His courage up to the high pitch of a dauntless resolution, as soldiers sing the victory song as they rush into battle, as the soldiers of Sweden, fighting for religious freedom rushed to battle singing Luther's great hymn, "A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing."

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## Sunday Depart

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Last

Our Mississippi School Convention at Kosciusko, began Tuesday morning and closing at March 6.

In addition to fine state people out-of-town ones program: Mr. H. Wm. P. Phillips, Biby, of the Sunday School, Nashville, Tenn.; Caver, Birmingham; R. G. Lee, pastor Baptist Church, Memphis; the feature speaker.

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Architect

Mr. Harold C. School Board architect the Mississippi School Convention in Kosciusko will have an exhibit of leaflets, etc., on buildings, and will also with any pastor interested in the building a church or one.

This is most important architect to be at a state convention most anxious for in building to complete that his trip may



## Sunday School Department

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### Last Call

Our Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Convention meets next week at Kosciusko, beginning at ten o'clock Tuesday morning, March 5, and closing at noon Wednesday, March 6.

In addition to a number of our fine state people, we have these out-of-town ones appearing on the program: Mr. H. E. Ingraham, Mr. Wm. P. Phillips, Miss Mary Alice Bibb, of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Mary Ellen Caver, Birmingham, Ala., with Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., as the feature speaker of the Convention.

Remember the date, March 5-6, and plan to attend. Bed and breakfast furnished free.

### Free Book

The Sunday School Board is giving free a copy of the Sunday school study course book "The Moral Dignity of Baptism" to any pastor who will agree to teach it or have it taught in his church. Write the state Sunday school secretary if you want a copy on this plan, and it will be sent you. This is a fine way to get a good book free and also help your people by teaching it to them.

### Your Standard

Brother superintendent, please check up on the Standard and see if you are not ready, or about so, to make application for the award. If you are short on a few points, call these to the attention of your officers and teachers and get them to agree to do some extra work to make them up, so that your school will get the encouragement that comes from reaching the Standard. Application blanks will be gladly sent on request.

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### Architect Coming

Mr. Harold C. Wallace, Sunday School Board architect, will be at the Mississippi Sunday School Convention in Kosciusko, March 5-6, and will have an exhibit of drawings, leaflets, etc., on the church buildings, and will also be glad to talk with any pastor or others who are interested in the matter of building a church or remodeling the old one.

This is most unusual for this competent architect from our board to be at a state convention, so we are most anxious for any one interested in building to confer with him, and that his trip may be a most profitable one for the good of the church building cause. He is most anxious to help in any way possible. Let's use him during the convention.

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## BAPTISTS, BISHOPS AND DEMOCRACY

Edgar H. Henderson, Ph.D.

I am sure you will allow me to make some reply—as brief as possible—to your published comments on my article. (See Baptist Record Jan. 25 and Feb. 1.) Let me say at once, then, that you have not answered any of the questions which I raised. All those questions were concerned with the authority of certain persons or groups of persons to tell the President and others what Baptists think or believe without previous consultation with those Baptists in order to find out what they believe. Consider. If anybody is able to say what Baptists think or believe, he can do so only if (1) either he has taken an accurate poll and discovered scientifically their actual beliefs and thoughts, (2) or else he has delegated authority to speak for them. Let us examine the first alternative. Nobody has ever taken such a poll in this generation at least. You seem to think, however, because the three Baptist Conventions voted, even unanimously, in favor of a resolution, e.g., which opposed the "establishing of diplomatic relations with any ecclesiastical body," that this justified the Public Relations Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention (along with the committees from the other two conventions) in trying to convince the President that "10,250,000 Baptists" condemn the Taylor appointment and any diplomatic relations with Vatican State. On this, let us examine the figures for the last Southern Baptist Convention, which voted this resolution. It consisted of 4,598 messengers, and the membership of the affiliated local churches totalled 4,770,185. The Convention was thus less than 1/1000 of the total church membership; and since you say I should fall in with the majority, I remind you that the Convention was only a pitiful handful of Southern Baptists. I do not know at all that so small a group is in any sense a fair sample of Southern Baptist sentiment on any issue. When I consider the way resolutions are usually cooked up by a few interested persons and then passed without either hearing or debate by large bodies like the Convention, I wonder if the Convention vote even indicated the true sentiments of some of the messengers after they had got home and thought it over. The larger the gathering, the more likely the people are to vote like sheep. And when I noted in the papers the active pushing of this resolution by notorious anti-Roosevelt Congressmen, I was disposed to fear that the good-intentioned Convention messengers might be found in the embarrassing position of serving unwittingly as cats-paws for anti-Roosevelt politicians.

You are nevertheless certain that the resolution voices the sentiment of the vast bulk of Southern Baptists. I am not at all certain that it does. Notice that the Taylor appointment hardly stirred a ripple of protest among the brethren of any

faith in this country. Indeed the editor of the N. C. Biblical Recorder, in the issue of Jan. 24, 1940, has a dolorous editorial lamenting our total indifference to the appointment. It may be that the resolution itself was engineered by a minority, for as you yourself pointed out in an editorial of Jan. 25, last, those who make the most noise often get the verdict. But you say that a similar pronouncement by a venerated Baptist leader has been widely approved. I remind you that a vast host might not approve the utterance in question, and yet not voice publicly their disapproval either because they never read it, or because of high regard for the speaker, or because of indifference to the matter. We must reckon increasingly with the fact that our people are more educated than they used to be, that consequently they do a lot of thinking for themselves, and that their respect for the opinions of the clergy on political matters is not as great as it used to be. And we must not overlook the overwhelming personal popularity of President Roosevelt among all our Southern people, notably in your own state. In the light of all this, I would deem anyone quite rash and presumptuous in undertaking to say how Southern Baptists stand on this issue.

But if you should now fly to the second alternative mentioned above, you would have to maintain that the Southern Convention (or its committee) spoke with delegated authority on these matters. This I would flatly deny on the basis of all Baptist history and procedure that I know. You know as well as I do that no act of a general body is binding morally or legally on any local Baptist church, although it would be if the general body held delegated authority over the local church. (See Constitution of Southern Baptist Convention, Article II.) If, for example, the trustees of some Baptist college go into debt for the college, no local church can be made, either morally or legally, to share the debt. I am forced by such considerations to conclude that the attempt of the committee, or of any convention, to impress the President with the notion that 10 1-4 million critical Baptists disapprove the Taylor appointment was presumptuous and unwarranted, and without proper authority.

### Remarks By The Editor

Again we are under the necessity of publishing in three sections the article by Dr. Henderson, with brief replies.

We see absolutely nothing new or different in this article from what previously appeared. He says that I answered none of his questions. And then he says it all resolves itself into the question of the authority of a committee to speak for a convention. We showed in the previous article that the Convention appointed a committee to speak for it, and told them what to say—quoting from the minutes. And that the Committee did what it was told to do. If Dr. Henderson denies the right of the Convention to speak through a committee, then it stops all work of the Convention, for absolutely all that a convention

does is done through committees. A Baptist convention disavows authority over a local church, which means that it does not seek to control its internal affairs. But the Convention does speak for the churches in all matters concerning denominational work and policies. There is absolutely no reason for having a convention if it cannot and does not speak for the churches in all their cooperative endeavors. Every missionary sent out, every school established is done in this way. The Convention has more than once told the world what Baptists believe, not what they must believe. If any church does not agree with what the Convention does it is at liberty to withdraw. The association of Baptists and Baptist churches is purely voluntary. The right of secession has never been questioned. Everybody knows that any sort of democracy functions through its representatives.

The statement or insinuation that such a resolution or any resolution was put through the convention by "notorious anti-Roosevelt congressmen" is absolutely gratuitous and untrue. If there was a congressman in the Convention he did not appear, and was not heard. We are sure that there was none.

Dr. Henderson thinks that our people have shown themselves indifferent in this matter of appointing an ambassador to the pope. We take an armful of Baptist papers, and without exception everyone of them has voiced protest against such an appointment.

We fail to see how the personal popularity of President Roosevelt enters into this discussion. Americans generally have great respect for the President of the United States, but this has not prevented their making vigorous protest against this action.

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# The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My dear children:

Today I came across the words of a great Christian missionary which I wish to pass on to you. Sir Wilfred Grenfell said: "It is not what you have that matters. It is what you do with what you have." I'd like for us to apply this thought to our time, our ability, our physical strength, our special talents, our money, or anything else that we have. The important thing is how we are using them, whether for ourselves or for others and God. Nothing that God has given us was meant to be wasted or used selfishly. How are we using all the blessings which God has heaped upon us?

These contributions which you are sending daily for the orphanage and Miss McLellan's scholarship are really doing much good. Just continue to remember these two causes with your prayers and your gifts. Again let me say that we are exceedingly grateful to every one who has a part in this work.

With love,

Mrs. Frances Steele

## BIBLE STUDY

### The Storm at Sea and Shipwreck (Read Acts 27)

When the time came for Paul to be sent to Rome, Festus placed him with some other prisoners who were also to go there, in the care of a centurion named Julius, who took soldiers with him to guard them on the way. Sailing from Caesarea, they came the next day to the city of Sidon. Here they stopped for a while, and Julius let Paul go ashore and visit some friends whom he had in that city. The next stop was at Myra, and there the centurion took his prisoners on board another ship that sailed toward Rome. After sailing for several days they came to a port called Fair Havens on the island of Crete. It was now winter, and the time for storms on the sea, and Paul warned the men on the ship saying, "Sirs, I see that while we are on this voyage there will be great danger, not only to the ship but to our lives." But the officer listened to the captain of the ship who did not think Fair Havens a good place to winter, rather than to Paul, and they determined to try to reach Phenice, another city of Crite. When a wind came that blew softly from the south, they left Fair Havens and sailed out to sea again.

(Continued next week)

Jayess, Miss.,  
Feb. 19, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl seven years old. My birthday is July seventh. I read the Children's Circle and like it fine. I decided to write to it myself. I go to Jayess High School. My teachers are Miss Iris Boyd, and Miss Leola Lane and they are good teachers. I go to Jayess Baptist Church. My pastor is Rev. D. W. Griffin. His home is at Clinton, Miss. When I went to school this morning my daddy gave me a nickel to buy some candy. I took four pennies of it and wrote to the Children's Circle. I have two brothers and one sister. I hope to find my letter in the Children's Circle.

Your friend,

Aline Rayborn.

Aline, I hope you're not sorry that you spent your money on a letter to the circle instead of for candy. We are glad anyway.—F.L.S.

Johns, Miss.,  
Feb. 16, 1940

Dear Mrs. Steele:

How did you enjoy the snow? I surely did enjoy it. It is raining down here now and it is getting mud-

dy. I have been thinking about writing for a long time, but I have been too busy going to school and have not had much time. We have been getting the Baptist Record and I enjoy reading the Children's Circle very much. I am a member of the Cato Baptist Church. Our pastor is brother C. C. Jones. We all like him. We have preaching every second and fourth Sunday. I surely did enjoy reading Miss Annie Laurie's letter. Mrs. Steele, our eighth grade class is studying the book of Acts and is now on the tenth chapter. We like to study it. I hope I have not written too much for this page.

With love,

Edna Lou Ponder

Edna Lou, I hope you are going to enjoy the study of the book of Acts, and I believe you will find it most helpful.—F.L.S.

—o—

Stratton, Miss.,  
Feb. 18, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Mother has just finished reading the children's letters to me. I enjoy them very much. Today is such a dark cloudy day that we did not get to go to Sunday school. I am a little girl seven years old. September fifth is my birthday. Who is my twin? I go to school at Decatur. Miss Julia Collier is my teacher. I love her very much. She is a good teacher. I am in the high first grade. I go to Sunday school at Cross Roads. We had a good time at school Valentine's day. I got 15 Valentines. I am sending ten cents for the little orphan children.

I will be glad when spring comes so that I can get out and play out of doors. I go to school on a bus. I have to ride about eight miles. I had not missed a day until I had flu. I will hush, hoping my letter is not too long.

Your little friend,

Mary Catherine Vance.

Valentine is lots of fun, especially when a person gets as many Valentines as you did. We appreciate this gift for the orphans.—F.L.S.

—o—

Roxie, Miss.,  
Feb. 18, 1940

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my second time to write years old and in the second grade. to the Children's Circle. I am seven My teacher's name is Mrs. Smylie. I go to Sunday school every Sunday that I can.

I did not have a sister or a brother when I wrote you before, but now I have me a little sister. She is six months old and weighs 19½ pounds. Her name is Dorothy Ann. I love to play that I am her mother when mother is busy.

I love to read and embroider. I am making a scarf now.

I hope you haven't forgotten me.

With love,

Bobbie Nell McCall

Bobbie Nell, how happy you must be to have that little sister! I've no doubt that Dorothy Ann has a very attentive little nurse when you care for her.—F.L.S.

—o—

Collins, Miss.,  
Feb. 16, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I surely do enjoy reading the Children's Circle. I am ten years old and in the fourth grade. My daddy is pastor of four churches. I go to Sunday school every Sunday, but I like B. T. U. best of all.

Lots of love,

Frances Rogers.

Frances, you don't get to go with your daddy to Sunday school every Sunday as many little girls do, do you? Because he probably goes to a different one each Sunday. We

are glad to have you in our circle.—F.L.S.

—o—

Ocean Springs, Miss.,  
Feb. 18, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I thought I would write to the circle while sitting by the fire this cloudy, blustery day and send in a poem I found in a copy of the Baptist Record published Jan. 20, 1927. It appealed to me and I hope you and the circle will like it. I am also sending three dimes, one for the orphans, one for the crippled children and one for the scholarship. Only a little, but with a good will and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cap

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To look for the best in every man,

That's pep!

To meet each thundering knock and blow

And come back with a smile because you know

You'll get the best of the whole show,

That's pep!

Your letters and gifts are always appreciated, Mrs. Cap.—F.L.S.

Port Gibson, Miss.,

Feb. 19, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

The Sunbeam Band of the Port Gibson Baptist Church is enclosing fifty cents for the orphanage. We have twenty-seven members and are planning to do lots of work this year. We hope that we can send more money later on.

With love,

Mrs. G. G. Mangum, Leader  
Mary E. Froman, Sec.

How grateful we are to this Sunbeam band and the faithful ones who lead it, for this great help. To each one who had a part we say thank you.—F.L.S.

—o—

601 Lexington St.,  
Jackson, Miss.,

Dear Mrs. Steele:

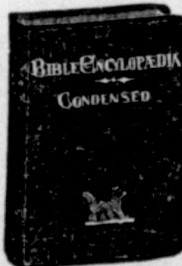
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I am enclosing 10c for the orphans.

Your new friend,

Bobbie Waltman

I do hope that you will continue to miss the flu, Bobbie. Thank you for this nice letter and for your gift to the orphans. We hope you will write again.—F.L.S.

—o—

Box 207,  
New Albany, Miss.,  
Feb. 19, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I read the Children's Circle and enjoy it very much. I think it is the best part of the Record. I am 13 years old and in the eighth grade at school. I go to school at New Albany High School. I belong to the Glenfield Baptist Church and I go to Sunday school every Sunday. We are building a new church now. Our pastor is brother Ray. I am sending 25c for the orphans.

Your friend,

Lois Callicutt

Thank you for these very kind words, Lois, and for this gift to the orphanage. They both are helpful. Won't you be happy when your new building is complete! I can imagine how you'll feel.—F.L.S.

—o—

Weir, Miss.,  
Feb. 14, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl eight years old and in the third grade. I am not going to school at present because I am not physically strong enough. I was at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson last spring. They surely were nice to me. I go to Sunday school when the weather is good and I like to go. I have a pet cat and three little chickens. This is my first time to write. I hope to see this is printed. I am sending one dollar to be used as you see fit.

Your little friend,

Mary Lynn Keen

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**Starkville Studies Despite Snow**

Even though the weather was the "coldest in fifty years," the young people of the Starkville church manifested a good bit of enthusiasm, and responded in a fine way to the program of study that was planned for them last month. Each afternoon a good number of Intermediates waded through the snow to meet at the church for a study of "Witnessing for Christ." Each evening young people from town joined the boys on the campus who were interested in learning more about "What We Believe," and a lively discussion took place in a room provided for the class in the Y. M. C. A. building.

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**The Meridian Conference**

The weather was ideal for the first day of the State Conference last week in Meridian, and a good crowd from every section of the state gathered for this great meeting. Not every association was represented, but a goodly number of them were, and in larger numbers from several associations than ever before. Everyone on the program seemed to be at his best, and we feel that our work is set forward because of the meeting. We wish here to express our thanks to all who served in any way toward making the meeting possible. Plans for 1941 will include a special associational meeting which we feel will be a great impetus to the work, that we feel is the work of the Lord, to whom we desire to give credit and glory.

—BR—

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## S. S. ATTENDANCE, FEB. 25

Jackson, First Church	947
Jackson, Griffith Church	619
Jackson, Northside Church	100
Jackson, Davis Church	200
Jackson, Southside Church	82
Jackson, Van Winkle Church	52
Crystal Springs Church	275
West Laurel Church	515
Bethlehem, Jones County	122
Brookhaven Church	438
Vicksburg, First Church	412
Main Street, Hattiesburg	412
New Albany Church	339

## B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

Jackson, First Church	241
Jackson, Griffith Church	289
Jackson, Davis Church	141
Jackson, Southside Church	80
Jackson, Van Winkle Church	40
Jackson, Northside Church	38
New Albany Church	89
Hattiesburg, Main Street	152
Vicksburg Church	200
Brookhaven Church	122
West Laurel Church	301
Crystal Springs Church	116
Clarksdale Church	175

## H. L. STEWART

The death angel invaded the ranks of Birch Branch and Bethel church, Pearl River County, Feb. 4, 1940, and took from our midst one of our fellow laborers who was a source of inspiration and courage to all who knew him, Mr. H. L. Stewart at the ripe age of 88 years.

Brother Stewart was one of the early settlers in this section and much of the civil and religious history is interwoven with his life.

He leaves a large family of upright sons and daughters and a host of friends who will sorely miss his genial greeting and friendly disposition.

Eli Callahan, Pastor.

Teacher: "Who can tell me when the Dark Ages were?"

Bright Boy: "That must have been the time when they had so many knights."

## CHILDREN'S CIRCLE—

(Continued from page 12)  
glad we are that there is one! I'm hoping that you'll soon be well again and able to be in school. This is a fine gift which you send. Thank you. I shall divide it equally between our two causes, the orphanage and the scholarship.—F.L.S.

—O—  
McLain, Miss.,  
Feb. 21, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Here I come with my quarter-to-two dues. It has been a long time since I wrote to the page. I'm in school and very busy. I'm nine years old, in the third grade.

Your friend,

Omega Hembree

It has been a long time since we heard from you, Omega, and we hope you won't wait this long again. Thank you very much for your quarter-to-two club dues.—F.L.S.

—O—  
Flora, Miss.,  
Feb. 22, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Our R. A. would like to join the Children's Circle. We are fifteen in number and meet every Wednesday after school. We enjoy our work very much. We are enclosing one dollar, half for the B. B. I. girl and half for the orphanage. This is our knightly deed for this month.

Yours truly,

Jack Laird, Ambassador-in-chief  
Lane Sigrest, Recorder

John Blount Stephenson, Steward  
This is indeed a knightly deed, ambassador, one which I believe pleases your King. We are happy to have you as members of the Children's Circle. We hope you'll visit us often.—F.L.S.

—BR—

The newlyweds had just got off their train.

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## GOD LIVES AND ANSWERS PRAYER

### A Glad Personal Testimony

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I think I have seldom if ever known such a concert of prayer and I was never more thoroughly convinced in my life that God answered and healed and I am so happy to praise him together with the dear friends who prayed so earnestly.

No words of mine could describe my appreciation for all the friends and especially to my own people at Port Neches. When I became seriously ill they immediately gave me an indefinite vacation with pay and got brother R. J. Brown, our long-time friend, to move on the field and take care of the work until I was also able to take it up again. But more than my appreciation to all human helpers, I bless the Lord for his matchless grace and love.

Yours in Jesus,  
D. A. Youngblood.

Port Neches, Texas.

Every teacher should ponder the remark of a five-year-old. In an intelligence test she was asked, "Are you a boy or a girl?" She looked the teacher squarely in the eye and solemnly replied, "Boy."

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Let us rejoice in the privilege of being members of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club and try to get others to share the privilege and joy.

## SHORT CREEK CHURCH

Short Creek Church is located in Yazoo County, near Valley school, with Rev. H. B. Speights, pastor. It has a wide awake Sunday school, with brother C. E. Martin, as superintendent, and Miss Bertha Harris, secretary. The Sunday school is sending the Baptist Record to 49 families. Owing to additional activities of the church, two new deacons were elected to assist with the work. They were: Leo Lammons and S. D. Harris. They will be ordained in the near future. The church has weekly prayer meetings and an active B. Y. P. U. An excellent meeting was held Sunday night, Feb. 11. Special music was rendered by Mrs. J. T. Griffin and Miss Evelyn Russum with Miss Willie Ruth Cleveland at the piano. After an earnest sermon, there were three accessions to the church: L. R. Rogers, Sr., Ray Rogers and Anderson Lammons.

More news later.

J. T. Griffin, Reporter.

Irate Subscriber to Operator: "Am I crazy or are you?"  
Operator: "I am sorry, but we do not have that information."

## FOUR MISSIONARIES APPOINTED FOR BRAZIL

Richmond, Virginia—(F. M. B.)—At the regular monthly meeting of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention held on February 8 in the headquarters building, Richmond, Virginia, four new missionaries were appointed for Brazil. Rev. and Mrs. Sherrod S. Stover were designated for work in the Amazon Valley, and Rev. and Mrs. Patrick D. Sullivan for Parana.

Mr. and Mrs. Stover are both natives of Texas. At the time of their appointment they were living in Tecumseh, Oklahoma, where Mr. Stover was pastor of the Baptist church. Mr. Stover received his training at John Tarleton Junior College, Texas Tech College (B.S. degree), Howard Payne College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Th.M.). Mrs. Stover, nee Alice Armstrong, studied at Baylor College, Columbia University, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. They have two sons, William Sherrod, aged three, and Carl-ross Elmer, aged eight months.

Mr. Sullivan, who was born at Martin, Tennessee, received the A. B. degree from Ouachita College and the Th.M. from the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans. His wife, Janie Nooner Sullivan, was born at Sharon, Tennessee, and also received her higher education at Ouachita College and Baptist Bible Institute. They have two daughters, Bettie Jane, aged eleven, and Patricia, aged one.

## RESOLUTION

Whereas the Dumas Baptist Church ends another church year and,

Whereas our pastor, Rev. W. B. May, tendered his resignation,

Be it therefore resolved: That the church express its deep love for brother May and heartfelt gratitude for the great and uncompromising work he has done among us for these several years, and

Be it further resolved, that he has been a faithful pastor to our church for nearly 9 years, ever heedful of the needs of his people and endeavoring to serve the best interests of the community and

Be it further resolved, that the church accepts his resignation with the sincere wish that his work in future fields be pleasant and profitable.

We therefore commend him, with our prayers, to your service.

Dumas Baptist Church.

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## PARKWAY OPENS SPRING LOYALTY CRUSADE

"Daddy Fant" national figure as layman and engineer speaks.

Parkway Baptist Church at 2500 West Capitol Street, Jackson, was honored Sunday by having both morning and evening services of its spring Loyalty Crusade in charge of a national figure in the world of railroading and preaching as well as the lay activities of the nation. Parkway's membership has been thoroughly organized and the machinery put to work for a thirteen week Loyalty Crusade of faithful services in the church, and at the end of this period there will be published an honor roll of those who have attended every service.

In the absence of its beloved pastor, Rev. W. A. Bell, who had to be absent from his pulpit on account of sickness, the services were held by "Daddy Fant" of Atlanta, Ga.; a retired railroad engineer, and a seasoned preacher and an enthusiastic layman of national reputation. "Daddy Fant," according to the cartoonist Robert Ripley was the only man to ever fill a pulpit 153 miles long; this cartoon of Mr. Ripley's appeared in the Clarian Ledger and other newspapers of the nation on October 4, 1939. Mr. Ripley's cartoon gave a sketch of this faithful servant of the rails, and had the following comment: "Daddy Fant" crack engineer of the Southern Railroad has preached in every town along his run of 153 miles. He is 70 years of age and has run a fast mail between Atlanta, and Greenville for 31 years. His Bible is fastened to the engines front plate. He at one time stopped and prayed with some robbers who had held up his train a week before."

The membership and friends of Parkway turned out in a huge mass, in spite of the inclement weather, and greeted the speaker with a packed house.

## A MISSIONARY POWERHOUSE

Located amid palms and giant live oaks in New Orleans, the port of the South, is an institution that truly is a "Missionary Powerhouse" for God. Located in the midst of one of the greatest mission fields of the Southland where thousands live who know nothing of true salvation, the Baptist Bible Institute not only trains by teaching but by practice.

The Institute family is composed of 260 enrolled students. Eighty-eight of these are women, one hundred and seventy-two are men. Fifteen are graduate students, sixty-eight are theological students, one hundred forty-five are enrolled in the Christian Training Course, 32 are special students. The faculty and staff members number nineteen. The total membership of the Institute family counting the faculty, staff, students and members of the families is 432. These persons are not only busy at their assigned task but are always eager and ready for the chance to tell some sin sick dying soul of the love of Jesus. They constantly look for the opportunity of doing this most important of all tasks.

Ninety percent of the people living in and near New Orleans are

Catholic. Each week 23 assignments in the city are met by student groups from the Institute. These assignments include street preaching, visiting in the hospitals, the Seaman's Institute, the Parish prison and other places. Messages in song and sermon are brought if possible, gospels and evangelistic tracts are distributed elsewhere along with a personal word. Many listen eagerly, others refuse to listen. Most of the people accept the gospels and tracts but some will not accept them. Last year an average of approximately 40 conversions were reported each week by the students.

What has this work meant to New Orleans? Only God knows all. This much we know: When the Institute was established there were only six small Baptist churches in New Orleans. Today the city has twenty-nine churches with nearly 10,000 members. The three Southern Baptist institutions located here have no doubt helped the Baptist cause in this city a great deal.

The practical activities department under the supervision of one of our professors, Dr. John Shepherd has been making mission tours each Sunday into Southern Louisiana this year.

These tours are made possible by the new modern, all steel bus which was purchased just before the beginning of this school year with funds raised by the practical activities department. The students and friends of the school have purchased a loud speaking set and installed it on the new bus. This makes the services much more effective and enables many more people to be contacted as the messages can be heard for quite a distance.

This bus goes out every Sunday carrying a large group of students who sing, preach and witness for Jesus. Trips have been made down the Mississippi River toward the gulf. Others into the French Evangeline country. Most of the trips have been made along the Bayou Lafourche which runs from Donaldsonville, La., to the Gulf.

This bayou is the most densely populated bayou section in the world. Many thousands of people live along its shores and most of them have never heard the gospel as Baptist preach it and few have ever read from a copy of the New Testament. If it is God's will and Southern Baptists make it possible these people shall hear of "Salvation by Faith" with the Institute family serving as the heralds of the Good News.

One of the towns entered in this territory is Donaldsonville, a town of 3788 people. We found only a few Baptists in this town. A few weeks later a Baptist church was organized with 16 charter members. The church now has 21 members. One of the students was called as pastor. They are holding regular services every Sunday with good attendance in the Woodman Hall.

Napoleonville is a town of 1180, located on Bayou Lafourche. It had no Baptist work and the group was unable to find a Baptist interested enough to brave the criticism of the Catholic church and help begin the work. Definite prayer that the Lord would open the way if He wanted the work begun there was

made. After the first of the year the Masonic Temple was made available for use in worship and the work in Napoleonville was started with one of the students in charge assisted by others.

These services are listened to by large groups of people, especially men. From 8 to 12 services are held over the loud speaker each Sunday. Services have been disturbed by fire crackers being thrown at and under the bus. One service was stopped when we were asked by the Catholics to move on. Some few take the gospels and tear them up. The Catholic priests are being forced by our work to give the New Testament to their folk, which they have never done before.

Here are some ways in which you too may have a part in this great task if you desire to as I view the task from the standpoint of a student. 1. Increase your gifts to the Cooperative Program and the Hundred Thousand Club. 2. Make a direct contribution in the way of a definite sum to pay or help pay a student aid grant or scholarship to some deserving student who cannot attend the Institute without this aid. 3. Help build an adequate endowment for the school. 4. Make a direct contribution to be used in this work. Funds are needed to buy gospels and tracts with, to pay for the expenses of the trip, and to aid in sending the students in charge out to their appointments.

Charles M. Renno.

## REMINISCENCES By W. T. Lowrey

On the 27th day of February, 1885, I was in Louisville, Kentucky, busy preparing a sermon for the following Sunday in the church of my student pastorate at Cane Run, near Georgetown.

There was a knock at my door. I opened it and there stood before me my fellow student, R. T. Bryan, now so worthily and widely known as a missionary in China. As Bryan handed me a telegram he said, "I hope it contains no bad news." I opened it and read, "Your father died suddenly this morning. Come."

My father, General M. P. Lowrey, was buried Sunday afternoon, the first day of March. On Tuesday the third day of March, I took my place at my father's desk as president of Blue Mountain College. It happened to be my twenty-seventh birthday.

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Since that time I have served the Baptists of Mississippi as an educator and preacher all the years until a few months ago when the doctors thought it necessary for me to give up for the present at least the duties which I had carried joyfully for so many years.

To the former students of Blue Mountain College, Mississippi College, Hillman and Clarke Memorial, I send joyful greetings and assure them that there is much enjoyment still shining on my pathway.

God bless you all and give you large usefulness among His workers.

Your friend,

W. T. Lowrey

(Dictated)

## BROTHER LEE'S DREAM

Let me suggest that brother Lee watch the Lamb of God as he opens the Seven Seals, Rev. 6-10. In the third seal he will find the negro, the pope as he pleads for peace. When he opens the fifth seal, he will see some of the Christians that he spoke of being slain. The sixth seal will remind him of the white man from the west. It seems I can hear the shriek of the approaching fire engine, the two earth quakes that killed 50,000 people, and destroyed 100 million in property a short while ago.

Joe Woodyear, Roxie.

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## EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW

By G. C. Hodge, Biloxi

### 1. Every Christian Should Know How To Renew His Strength.

Some who have grown in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ find themselves run-down and weak at times. Some have become so weak and faint at heart that they have fallen by the wayside and are as inactive in the work of the church as if they had actually fainted. Shall they remain in this condition and be considered by themselves and others as useless? No more than the run-down battery in a car. What the battery needs when it is run-down is for someone to find and remove the cause of its weakness, and to recharge it. When it is recharged it is as powerful and useful as when new. So with run-down Christians. They need their strength renewed, and the Lord has revealed how it may be done:

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint," Isa. 40:31.

"They that wait upon the Lord," means, in our language, they have faith in God and rely upon Him for guidance and for strength. Such Christians shall be strengthened by God's grace in the inner man, for when they are conscious of their weakness and confess it and rely upon God they shall be strong in the Lord.

How then may Christians renew their strength? By conscientiously serving God and relying upon Him for spiritual guidance and strength. They will thus find his grace sufficient. "They shall have strength to labor, strength to wrestle, strength to resist, strength to bear. As the day so shall their strength be."

Being strengthened they shall mount upward and live above the level of the moral world about them; they shall press forward and run and walk on and on and not faint nor fall by the wayside.

### 2. Every Christian Should Know That In Some Respects His Spiritual Life Is Opposite To His Physical Life.

In physical life one does not run until he learns to walk, nor does he fly until he is able to run. In physical life then the order is walk, run, fly, but in spiritual life this order is reversed; one must first fly, then run, then walk: "They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

The Christian who would walk daily with God must first lift his heart to God in faith (fly) and engage in the service of God (run).

In physical life the most difficult of the three is flying, but in spiritual life the most difficult is walking; walking daily with God, but just as certain as an individual who desires to do so may fly, so the Christian who desires to do so may walk with God.

Herbert: "Say, Paw, what are preferred creditors?"

Paw: "The ones who don't call too often, son."

## AN EXPERT REPORTS CONDITIONS IN CHINA

New York, N. Y.—(F.M.B.)—Dr. John Earl Baker of Shanghai, China, one of the world's great authorities on transportation, irrigation, flood, famine, and refugee relief problems, is now home in the United States on several months' furlough from his duties as technical relief expert of the American Advisory Committee in Shanghai, and is speaking in a number of American cities on behalf of the Church Committee for China Relief.

He says: "It is impossible to exaggerate the story of China's sufferings or to overestimate the tremendous and appalling needs for relief among her children and adult civilian population. During these 2 years of war, China has suffered more casualties of dead and wounded than all the belligerents in the World War. And added to these casualties are the ravages of flood, drought, and famine in the North.

"The area of greatest relief needs at present," says this American flood expert, "is the flooded area of Hopei Province, where two rivers, the Wei and Yungting, submerged a vast expanse of land equal to about half the area of New York State and drove from five to eight million people from their homes. These flood waters are frozen in the dead of winter, but in some cases the ice only adds to the hardships of the homeless refugees.

"Much of the land that was deeply flooded last fall is now drained. However, there is no food, for last year's crop was swept away by the floods. This area also was flooded the year before and consequently the wheat crop was short. The other principal food crops of this region, including 'kaoliang' (Egyptian corn) beans, and millet, are completely lacking in the area flooded by the Sha and Wei Rivers.

"Last year's food situation in North China was complicated by an abnormal drought which preceded the flood. This flood was due to rains back in the mountains and to a cloudburst in Shansi. In another area, the flood of 1939 was a secondary flood, for in 1938, when water from the Yellow River came down to the Hwai Basin and the Grand Canal and on to the farm lands of Anhwei and North Kiangsu, it rendered homeless about 12,000,000 people. The Yellow River continued the same course in 1939, but only a portion of the 1938 victims returned to their homes when the waters fell."

This well-informed American pays the highest tributes to the missionaries of the Christian churches in China, nearly all of whom have stuck to their posts throughout these tragic, dangerous years of war, and often at great personal risk have continued to minister to the sick, wounded, hungry, cold, and dying. These Christian missionaries deserve the supreme faith in their integrity which is attributed to them by all the Chinese, he states.

"Missionaries may have failed to work miracles when the people hoped for them, and thus may have disappointed some of the Chinese in rural areas," Dr. Baker explains, "but they have never failed in their

personal honesty and honor regarding the handling of funds and supplies, no matter whose these might be. If a missionary should ever break faith with the Chinese, in this respect, it would be tragic for the whole missionary cause, but to my knowledge, not one of these missionary men and women ever has broken faith."—Church Committee for China Relief.

(One dollar will feed a Chinese for a month. Contributions may be sent to the Foreign Mission Board, Box 1595, Richmond, Virginia, or to the Church Committee for China Relief, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City.)

Dr. L. R. Scarborough invited the Southern Baptist editors to be guests of the Southwestern Seminary at their next mid-winter meeting in 1941.

The Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Patterson and Mrs. Sansom Stone attended the Baptist Training Union statewide associational meeting in Meridian on Friday and Saturday. Mrs. Stone brought a message to the gathering.

Brother John A. Farmer of the Sunday School Department, Jackson, Miss., would like to get copies of the Baptist Record as follows: All of 1936; for 1937 all from January to September, also Nov. 4, 18 and 25; for 1938 he wishes Mar. 10, April 21, Sep. 15, and Nov. 24; of 1939 the issues of Oct. 26, Nov. 22. If you have them and will dispose of them, write him.

Glendale Church, Hattiesburg, started their Loyalty Program Feb. 11. Their goal was to have every member present Feb. 25. Pastor L. C. Holcomb divided the church into eleven groups. Each leader keeps a record of church attendance in his group. They got busy. Out of a membership of 124 there were 104 present. The rest are expected by March 10. On Feb. 25 the Sunday school attendance was 104 and B. T. U. 60. Miss Jimmie Ruth Rutland, who sends this report believes any church can work it that will, and that all will be happy in the results.

To the members of the Toccopola Baptist Church: You are to be congratulated for including the Baptist Record in your Sunday school budget. You will receive this, the best pastor's assistant I know of, each week. Read it and pass it on to your neighbors. It is food for the soul. You will find its messages true to the Book and greatly stimulating to the cause of Christ. Blessings on each one of you.—W. T. Darling, Pastor.

The moon affects the tide and the untied.

"Now, Harry," asked the teacher, "to what family does the whale belong?"

"I don't know," replied Harry. "Nobody in our neighborhood has one."

A mistress engaging a new maid said: "Mary, we have breakfast prompt at eight a.m."

New Maid: "All right, mum. If I ain't down don't yer wait!"

The Statewide Evangelistic Conference at Clinton had a most favorable beginning Monday. We were permitted to begin with a sample of good weather, the sun shining gloriously. Secretary McCall saw that the meeting began on time and in the finest Christian spirit. Mr. Henry Love led the singing in the afternoon and Rev. M. E. Perry in the evening. There seemed to be about 150 preachers present in the afternoon, and in the evening the large church auditorium was filled to capacity. Beside the introductory address of Secretary McCall in the afternoon, Dr. B. A. Copass and Dr. L. G. Gates spoke, the former having for his subject The Reival Under Samuel and David, the latter, Evangelism and Stewardship. At the evening session Evangelist Hyman Appleman and Dr. L. R. Scarborough spoke. Brother Appleman is a converted Russian Jew and was properly described as a man of great dynamic personality. But his dynamics comes from the indwelling Spirit of God, begun with a glorious conversion which left his work on him for life and eternity. He spoke of the "Challenge of the Open Door," its opportunities, its enemies and its allies. Dr. Scarborough spoke on the individual operation of the trinity in salvation, or the Love of God, the Blood of Christ, and the Power of the Holy Spirit. The conference had a great and glorious beginning with every indication that the attendance will far surpass that of last year.

## POLITICAL "ISMS"

The Daily Telegraph, London, England, gives the following definitions of political isms:

Socialism—You have two cows. You give one to your neighbor.

Fascism: You have two cows. You give both to the government. The government gives you part of the milk.

Nazism: You keep the cows and give the milk to the government. The government sells part of it to you.

Communism: The government shoots you and keeps both cows.

New Dealism: The government shoots one cow, it milks the other, and pours the milk down the drain. —Sel.

Constable: "Now, Miss, what gear were you in at the time of the accident?"

Former Patient: "Oh, I had on my new dress I knitted while I was at the sanatorium."

## Pains in Back, Nervous, Rheumatic?

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